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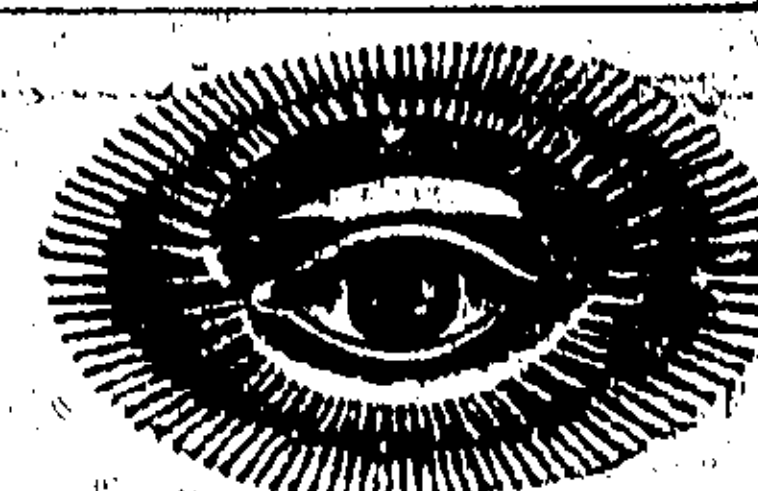
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BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

Protest and Warning in the Gravest Terms.

AGITATION MUST CEASE.

Activities Which Threaten Trade Agreement.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ENDANGERED.

The Soviet's Anti-British Campaign in China Roundly Denounced.

A Note warning Russia "in the gravest terms" that anti-British propaganda must cease has been handed to the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in London.

The warning points out that there are limits beyond which it is dangerous to drive public opinion in Great Britain.

The continuance of anti-British propaganda will render the abrogation of the trade agreement inevitable and may even cause the breaking-off of diplomatic relations.

The Note emphasizes the "almost unendurable provocation" of the Soviet and makes special reference to the anti-British campaign in China.

SOVIET BAD FAITH.

Solemn Engagement Repeatedly Broken.

Rugby, Feb. 23.

A Note from the British Government was handed to-day to the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in London warning the Soviet Government that its hostile propaganda threatens the maintenance of ordinary diplomatic relations with Britain.

The Note declares that Anglo-Russian relations continue notably to be of an unsatisfactory

country to the continuous breach of this solemn engagement. So long as the present rulers of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, be they technically members of the government or members of the political bureau which is the real dominating authority in the Union, or its Ambassadors abroad persist in making public utterances in defamation of Great Britain or in the advocacy of world revolution no improvement is possible. This public attitude of men holding high positions in Russia is moreover totally inconsistent with the profession of goodwill given by Soviet representatives in this country.

For instance, M. Krassin, the late Soviet Charge d'Affaires in London, declared in October last that he was instructed to state that it was a real desire of the Soviet Government to remove the causes of difficulty and establish friendly relations with the British Government. Yet while this very instruction was being carried out by M. Krassin a regular campaign of public slander and misrepresentation against Great Britain was in progress, and not even the Commissar for Foreign Affairs himself, who was at least nominally author of these instructions, could refrain from participating in this campaign.

Soviet Obsession. His Majesty's Government, indeed, are well aware of the delusion under which M. Chicherin (Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs) and many of his colleagues are suffering that Great Britain is continually occupied in plotting against the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics and for this purpose has never ceased to guide the policy of such countries as Poland, the Baltic States and Persia into an orientation directed against Soviet Russia. No impartial study of the policies of those countries, no dispassionate examination of the facts and no assurances from His Majesty's Government have availed to dispel the obsession which is as illogical as it is ill-founded. Its continuance, therefore, can only be based on a rooted, even perhaps temperamental hostility, in the minds of the Soviet authorities themselves, and in their corresponding credulity regarding these false reports from interested informants.

Chapter and Verse. The Note mentions a particularly hostile speech delivered on December 6 by M. Chicherin himself in Berlin in which he declared that the British periodical "Near East" had threatened Persia with trouble fomented by Great Britain if she did not show herself amenable to British desires. The Note says that an examination would have shown that no such threat had appeared in "Near East." The same credulity and hostility were shown by M. Voroshilov, People's Commissar for War, in a speech to the new commanders and political workers in the Soviet Army on September 17, and by M. Unsicht, Vice-Commissar for War, in article in the "Pravda" on September 15. Again a Soviet Ambassador, M. Kamenef, was recently reported as stating that M. Aneset, a Communist leader, devoted undue attention to the internal affairs of the Union instead of concen-

THOUSAND MARINES.

The 'Minnesota's' Sailing Uncertain.

OFF TO-DAY OR TO-MORROW.

It is still uncertain whether the s.s. "Minnesota" will leave Hong Kong to-day or to-morrow.

It is understood that certain boiler work has had to be put in hand, due perhaps to the somewhat remarkable time made between Colombo and Hong Kong. The boat, it must be remembered, is an old one.

This morning, men from the two flights of the Royal Air Force who are aboard as additions to the flying strength out here, were observed on the Naval Yard football ground undergoing physical training.

The 80 naval reliefs for the China station have also been landed.

The main body of troops has not disembarked and whether they will for the purpose of

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" fifth Cross-Word Puzzle Competition will be found on page 6 of this issue. Twelve competitors tied for first place, with no errors at all.

"stretching their legs" depends on whether or not the ship is in a condition to leave to-day.

Col. H. de C. Martelli, D.S.O., Base Commandant of the Shanghai Defence Force (Colonel on the staff of Major-General John Duncan) has left the "Minnesota" temporarily, and is staying in Hong Kong.

To attend to his duties (if necessary) and other details, the Base Commandant's staff has quarters in Kowloon with the officers at Aimal Villas.

The s.s. "Megantic" will, it is thought, arrive to-morrow, but the stay will be of short duration. Probably Major-General John Duncan will land to pay official calls.

The 5/2nd Punjab Regiment (formerly of Hong Kong and first unit to go to Shanghai) are now returning here as the 2nd/Suffolk, have filled their place.

They are due here at 2 p.m. on the s.s. "Yasna."

After the "Megantic" the first ship to arrive here will, it is thought, be the s.s. "Kildonan Castle" with the 14th Infantry Brigade headquarters under Col. Sir J. L. G. Burnett, of Leys, Bt. C.M.G., D.S.O., (late of 2nd/Gordon Highlanders); the Royal Corps of Signals belonging to the Division; the 1st/Devonshire Regiment under Lt-Col. G. N. T. Smyth-Osbourne, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

trating his efforts on revolution abroad.

Even more aggressive in its hostility towards the British Empire is the chief organ of the Communist political bureau, which as already mentioned, is the real Russian Government, and cannot escape identification as such. The Note gives extracts from speeches made by M. Bukharin, one of leading members of the political bureau, sufficiently illustrating this attitude.

The policy of encouraging and assisting attacks on British interests in China was openly avowed by M. Karakhan, late Soviet Ambassador to Peking, in a speech at Vladivostok.

Hostile Soviet Press.

The hostile character of the contents of the Soviet Press is also notorious. Disregarding other organs, it is pointed out that the "Izvestiya" is the official organ of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union, and the Soviet Government are therefore directly responsible for what appears in it.

In appendices to the Note are reproduced leading articles and manifestoes addressed to British Communists which have appeared in the "Izvestiya" supporting the strike movements of last year in Great Britain; also articles on alleged British machinations in Persia.

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STRIKE FAILING.

Shanghai Anti-Foreignism Disappears.

MANY WORKERS RETURN.

Temper Daily Getting Worse at Ichang.

The industrial situation at Shanghai shows distinct improvement. Many strikers have resumed work. Trouble is still reported from the Yangtse, however, and the tempers of the inhabitants at Ichang are daily getting worse.

NAVAL WIRELESS NEWS.

Ichang Tempers Getting Worse.

The following wireless messages were received over-night by the local authorities:

The situation at Ichang remains the same but the tempers of the inhabitants are daily getting worse.

Movements in the direction of a settlement of the strike have started but prospects so far are not good.

Hunanese troops are concentrating towards Changsha.

Hankow Demonstration. The Hankow situation remains quiet.

A day's holiday has been organised at Hankow for to-day as a demonstration against the landing of British troops in Shanghai.

Mr. O'Malley has arrived at Kiukiang on H.M.S. "Cricket."

More troops belonging to the 6th Army have proceeded down-river from Kiukiang.

Troops in Nanking.

General Chang Tsung-chang (tupan of Shantung province and Chang Tso lin's most powerful General) has arrived at Nanking (to organise control of Kiangsu

supplying the non-Cantonese forces as some difference of opinion had arisen between us and some other Powers over the most difficult distinction between military and civil aircraft. He believed that aircraft had been dispatched to the Peking Government by some of the other Powers concerned.

Hankow Compensation.

Questioned about the Hankow agreement, the text which he has not yet received, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that as only insignificant damage was done to property, the question of compensation did not arise.

Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke asked about the women and children turned out of Hankow and accommodated in Shanghai.

Sir Austen Chamberlain acknowledged that they had been put to great expense and hardship, but it was not a matter on which they could claim compensation.

Replying to Commander Kenworthy (Labourite, Central Hull) Mr. Baldwin said that no invitations had been sent to the Dominions to send troops to China to co-operate with the British.—Reuter.

ARMS AGREEMENT.

Freedom of the Powers.

London, Feb. 23.

In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain enumerated the signatories to the China Arms Embargo Agreement. He added that differences of opinion had arisen regarding the strictness of the interpretation of the terms. The French and Italian Governments asserted their freedom of export of aircraft to China, and Denmark exported machinery for use in arsenal equipment.—Reuter.

SAFE HONG KONG.

Refugees Arrive Here From Shanghai.

The first batch of refugees for Hong Kong arrived from Shanghai yesterday when, there were actually five incoming boats from that port, both coastal and ocean-going.

Passenger accommodation was taxed to the utmost by middle-class Chinese who had left Shanghai in the opening days of the strike there.

The majority carried a fair amount of luggage and effects, reporting that they had little or no difficulty in bringing what property they could away.

As they hope to be able to return home shortly, the refugees are mostly staying in native boarding houses and not taking up tenancies.

TROUBLE IN YUNNAN?

Report of a Nationalist Movement.

[From An Occasional Correspondent.]

Wuchow, Feb. 21. A rumour is current here that trouble has broken out in Yunnan province causing General Tang Chi-yao to flee from a pro-Nationalist rising.

This report must be read with reserve as Kwangsi province is full of Cantonese propaganda. General Fan Shek-sang has often been reported as ready to lead a punitive expedition into Yunnan against Tang Chi-yao but there has been no sign of any great movement from Kwangsi, up the West River, into Yunnan.

Later. Vernacular reports published to-day indicate that General Fan Shek-sang has unfurled the Nationalist flag.

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The Rev. W. T. FEATHERSTONE, M. A., Oxon, Headmaster.
Hong Kong, 23rd Feb. 1927

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NOTICES.**RACE HOLIDAYS.**

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will open for the transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, 1st and 2nd proximo, and close at 12 Noon.

Hong Kong, 23rd Feb., 1927.

**HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY.**

THE ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS & VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1927.

ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1927, at the Hon. Secretary's Office.

SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

MEMBERS who have NOT yet PAID THEIR SUBSCRIPTION AND ALL THOSE who WISH to JOIN the SOCIETY are requested to SEND \$5 IMMEDIATELY to the Hon. Secretary MR. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 14th February, 1927 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

**THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1927.

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Tender Forms, and Specification can be obtained, and sample seen, on application to the ORDNANCE OFFICER at above address, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 noon daily, Sundays excepted.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1927.

**CYMEITHAS DEWI SANT
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(St. David's Society, Hong Kong).

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Society will take place at the Hotel Savoy on TUESDAY, March 1st, 1927, at 7.45 p.m. Tickets \$5.00 each. Members are invited to attend and bring guests and are requested to inform the undersigned as soon as possible of the number, names and addresses of their guests and to forward at the same time the cost of the tickets.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,
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Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1927.

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NOTICES.

**HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.
DERBY SWEEP.**

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1927.

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28th February, 1st, 2nd & 5th March.

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MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.
Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10 each per day, or \$30 for the Meeting.

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Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1927.

SHANGHAI'S FUTURE.**America's Neutralization Scheme.****INTERFERENCE RESENTED.****Emphatic Statement Issued by Sun Chuan-fang.**

The "North China Daily News" has been handed a copy of the statement issued by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang in connection with the proposal put forward by the United States Government for the neutralization of Shanghai. The statement acknowledges that the suggestion arose from a sincere desire to assist China, but alleges that President Coolidge has been fully informed on the situation in Shanghai.

Marshal Sun continues that the Government of the Kiangsu Province resents discussion of any plans as regards Shanghai with any revolutionary army and describes any effort to place limitations upon his side as an act of intervention on behalf of the enemy. After denouncing the activities of the Third International in China, Marshal Sun announces that China must fight them as a plague is fought, and after foretelling his ultimate success in the struggle concludes with "Let no one interfere with it who seeks the welfare of China."

The full text of the statement by Marshal Sun follows:—
President Coolidge's proposal to neutralize Shanghai was undoubtedly prompted by a sincere desire to help China, and to avoid further outrages by revolutionists who are disturbing the peace of our country. But unfortunately he has not been fully advised as to conditions here.

Shanghai is Chinese territory in the Province of Kiangsu for the peace and order of which I am fully responsible. My officers and troops have maintained law and order and have protected both native and foreign life and property through this province. We have co-operated with all legally constituted bodies, and although Shanghai is the industrial centre of China and contains large masses of labourers, disturbances have been reduced to a minimum. During a war period when my men have strained every sinew to protect all life and property, the revolutionists have engaged in a world-wide campaign of misrepresentation which has apparently influenced the views of some foreign Powers who have been moved by words rather than by facts.

Restoration of Kiangsi.
The strength of my re-organized armies is not only sufficient to maintain peace and order in Shanghai, but also forms the basis of my plans for the restoration of Kiangsi. Furthermore, I have the full co-operation of Marshal Chang Tso-lin who is now advancing to attack the Cantonese. In the end, my forces shall triumph over the revolutionist armies. But for a more concrete guarantee of the safety of Shanghai, I may point to the military situation. In brief, the nearest position of the Kuomintang army is at least 300 miles from Shanghai.

The Government of Kiangsu Province resents the discussion of any plans as regards Shanghai with any revolutionary army. We have assumed and maintained our power and responsibility, and until we have failed, no foreign Power is justified in premising diplomatic proposals upon such failure. Furthermore, in the pursuit of our purpose to maintain order, we must have freedom of action and we can only regard any effort of any foreign Power to place limitations upon us, as being an act of intervention in favour of our and their enemy.

The present war in China is not a political struggle among militarists for position. We are fighting not for ourselves but for China. I have fought the enemy until I drove them out of Chekiang. But the war is not yet over. We shall have to struggle against them until they have been driven out of China.

The War on Bolshevism.
The facts of the situation are these: A minor political party, which has never been able to hold more than a single city in the South, became associated with Russians of the Third Internationale. The Third Internationale seeks a world revolution so that they can experiment with their peculiar social and economic ideas. These ideas have failed in their country of origin, but are now being imposed upon China. We shall resist the imposition of these exotic ideas. We resent the Third Internationale's intervention in the affairs of China and we shall resist that intervention. There is plenty of the fine qualities of China in the manhood of the nation to force these undesirable Russians to return to their own country. Here they have destroyed property in five provinces; they have poisoned the minds of our youth; they have abused our sense of religion; they have stopped our trade and industry and debased the currency; and they have now involved us in the possibility of war with foreign Powers.

We must fight them as we fight a plague. No Chinese is opposed to nationalism. No Chinese is less patriotic than the most extreme revolutionist. But we do oppose communism and the imposition upon us of the ideas and methods of the Third Internationale. Therefore we are continuing to fight to win back, foot by foot, the territory which these undesirable Russians have gained for the group of revolutionists who now centre their activities in this war. Let no one interfere with it who seeks the welfare of China.

The great mistake peace propagandists make is that they are always horribly dull.—Mr. Wickham Stead.

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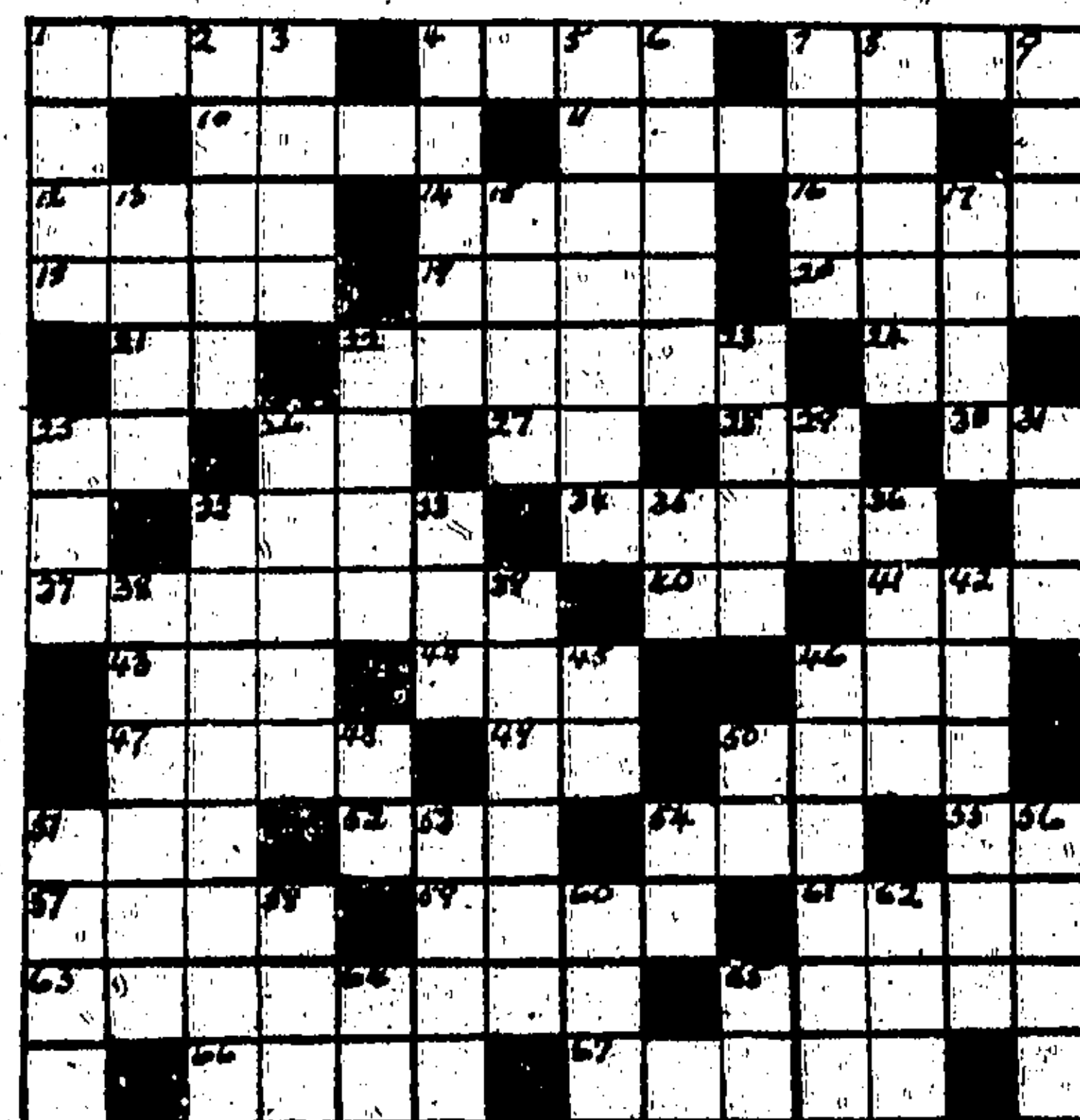
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Cross Across.

1. To go quickly.
4. A blow.
7. A vessel for holding liquor.
10. Close by.
11. In front.
12. To temper by heat.
14. Noting passage inwards.
16. Dutch colonist (South Africa).
18. A cry.
19. One who does anything.
20. Eject loathingly.
21. H L (actual).
22. Earnestly desires for something.
24. T G (actual).
25. Not so.
26. T E (actual).
27. Denotes surprise (interj.).
28. 1st per. sing. of verb "to be."
30. E A (actual).
32. Found in sea water (for seasoning).
34. Very fond of.
37. Tumbles down or falls over.
40. With reference to.
41. H S T (actual).
44. P H E (actual).
46. To stain or colour something.
48. A simpton.
49. A period at school.
50. Like this.
51. A vessel for heating water.
52. Respectful title for a man.
53. To perform on the stage.
54. Fuss.
55. P R (actual).
57. To prepare food for eating.
59. Aerial or spiritual.
61. Underside of foot.
63. Soldiers and sailors wear them.
65. A sea nymph.
67. Native of Denmark.
69. All writings not in verse.

Cross Down.

1. A part connecting two parts.
4. A twisted knot in wood.
8. Eel like.
10. State of being proud.
15. Belonging to the side.
16. A sharp woody spine.
17. Types of horse vehicles.
18. To take another's child as one's own.
19. A circuit.
23. Imitation.
24. The man who built an ark.
27. Well done!
28. To scream.
29. To rescue.
30. A one called fruit.
31. Small wax candle.
32. Personal pronoun.
33. Liable.
34. A body nearly spherical.
35. To spread grass.
36. Alternative.
37. To avoid.
38. One's choice.
39. Regular method.
42. An iron loop or a looped nail.
45. E O (actual).
46. Inability to raise the upper eyelid.
48. Mother.
50. Editor (abbrev.).
51. To run quickly.
53. Headfulness.
54. A Y (actual).
56. To split.
58. E F A (actual).
60. E S P (actual).
62. Raw metal.
64. Not off.
69. Thus.

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[An Occasional Correspondent.]

Samshui, Feb. 23.

On arrival at this port, en route for Hong Kong from Wuchow, the British s.s. "Tai Ming" (owned by the Kwong Wing S.S. Co.) began taking on a large number of passengers for Hong Kong about 10 a.m. yesterday.

As a rule, all passengers embarking or disembarking in Samshui, do so in ordinary sampans; but on this trip, a number—amongst whom were about half a dozen women with baggage of sorts, clad in dark blue cotton—came off in two cargo boats and instead of boarding by the gangway, entered the ship by the forward cargo port.

Help Refused at First.

By 10 a.m. the ship was ready to proceed with 700 odd passengers on board, when the comprador told the Captain that word had come from the Agent that there were pirates on board. There being no British gunboat in port a note was sent to a Chinese armed launch, acting for a guard to be sent over to assist in searching the ship but the answer came back that the Commander was in Canton and that the officer in charge in that case could do nothing.

Shortly afterwards, the Harbour Master (of the Chinese Maritime Customs) boarded and informed the Captain of the "Tai Ming" to inform the first British gunboat that was seen that the two upward bound ships (the "Nanning" and "Chung On") were reported to have pirates on board and a coup was to be carried out after they left port.

The Harbour Master was greatly surprised when told that the pirates were supposed to be right under his feet.

Chinese Soldiers Arrive.
He was then requested to interview the local military authorities with a view to obtaining some soldiers to watch for unforeseen developments while the Indian guards (supplied by the Hong Kong Police) assisted by the crew, searched the ship and the passengers.

Between 12 noon and 1.30 p.m., well armed and smartly equipped Chinese soldiers streamed on board, some taking station while others guarded the searchers in their work.

After 1 p.m., the Commissioner of Customs, accompanied by the Commander of the soldiers, arrived on board and it was arranged that the Magistrate be approached to obtain ten soldiers to augment the six Indian guards.

Difficulty of Searching.

The opinion was that as the ship was packed with passengers, the search might prove futile. In fact the soldiers (through their spokesman) said that an effective search was impossible and that cargo boats should be sent alongside for the passengers and baggage to be put singly on, and then searching each as he boarded the boats.

About 2.45 p.m., the Commissioner of Customs again boarded, this time with the Magistrate who was quite willing to send a guard of ten men as requested, with the reservation that a guarantee that his men would not be disarmed by the Hong Kong Authorities and that they would be all safely returned by the ship on her return.

Agreement Signed.

All stipulations having been agreed to, the Magistrate and the Commissioner returned to the shore to draw up the agreement.

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By this time the search had been finished and nothing was found, for the search—such as it was—could only be cursory when the great crowd of passengers was taken into consideration.

The bulk of the soldiers made for the shore and at 5.15 the Commissioner and the Magistrate returned with the agreement drawn up in Chinese, signed and chopped the Captain appending his signature after translation.

The soldiers were then turned over to the No. 1 Indian Guard and given quarters on the after deck; their two officers were accommodated on the saloon deck.

Preparations to Defend.

At 5.30 p.m., after bidding goodbye to the Magistrate (who spoke good English) and to the Commissioner (who had been indefatigable in all ways with his help), the "Taiming" proceeded on her journey towards Hong Kong accompanied as far as Kaulong by the Chinese armed launch whose Captain had evidently returned from Canton.

On board the ships and armed were the Captain and two officers, two German passengers (engineers attached to firms in Hong Kong), six Indian guards, the two Chinese soldiers and their two officers—23 all told and ready for any pirates who would care to dare show themselves.

"Scare" Passed Off.

At 10.15 p.m., the "Taiming" explained matters to H.M.'s armed launch "Nessus," the Commander of which, seeing the ship was well protected, said that the "Taiming" could proceed but to inform H.M.S. "Faulkner" at Wangmoon.

On arrival at Wangmoon, at 12.55 a.m. (to-day), it was found that the "Faulkner" had passed up in the dark with the Kongmoon steamer.

"Speed was set to arrive at Stonecutters in daylight. In Hong Kong harbour, the Police took charge. Another examination was made and the "scare" passed off.

The Chinese soldiers' arms were deposited in the Captain's room and will be returned with the men on the next up-trip.

SINGAPORE BASE.

AUSTRALIA'S OIL STORAGE CONTRIBUTION.

It is stated authoritatively in Sydney, according to a telegram from the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent, that Australia will make no monetary grant towards the cost of the Singapore base in view of the naval expenditure to which the Commonwealth is already committed.

It is understood that Mr. Bruce, the Premier, drew the attention of the Imperial Conference to the scheme already decided on for the construction of large oil storage equipment near Port Darwin, which will be a valuable adjunct to the Singapore base and a direct contribution to the provision for the docking, repairing and fueling facilities of the Empire naval forces in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, of which the Singapore base is the central feature.

MALAYAN WEST COAST.

"The Straits Times" calls attention to the necessity for improving communications with the west coast ports, pointing out that in the heavy monsoon, ports along the border of the peninsula, especially that at Kuantan, are frequently isolated. During the floods, several vessels were anchored outside the entrance to the river for four days within sight of a population threatened with starvation. A long stretch of sand over which high seas were rolling prevented relief measures being effected. To avoid this isolation a correspondent has suggested the construction of a breakwater within which the numerous plying along the coast could shelter and be in constant touch with the port. The score of expense would of course militate against any such scheme at present.

But co-operation between the F. M. S. and the Straits Governments as well as the authorities in Kelantan—for all would benefit—would lessen the financial burden. The idea is not without its merits. Islands of granite abound on every side and the labour problem is becoming easier while contractors seem more amenable to reason. The creation of such an artificial harbour, if built for protective purposes only, would have its recompense and in future years when Kelantan is developed fully its economic value may exceed all expectations. Another point of which we trust might not be lost is the importance of wireless installations. Some time ago the Hon. Mr. J. Mitchell urged the need of linking up all important points by wireless and promise was given that the question would be investigated. We trust this matter will not be lost sight of.

DID HE KNOW?

OWNER OF A STOLEN JUNK.

POWERS OF POLICE.

The powers of the police to ask questions of a man before charging him and of keeping him locked up before the charge has been made arose at the Criminal Sessions this morning at the continued hearing of a charge against a Chinese of having in his possession a junk he knew to have been stolen.

The junk in question was piloted off Bocca Tigris forts and some months afterwards the son of the owner saw the junk put in to Tai O. The man on board who described himself as the owner was then arrested.

Sergt. Griffin, in charge of Tai O Police station at the time, gave evidence this morning.

He said that, in consequence of a report he went on board the junk. As he got up to it he noticed that an attempt had been made to paint over certain numbers on the junk. These, however, he could read and they were those of the junk piloted at Bocca Tigris forts, the registry being that of a fishing junk at Aberdeen.

The man in charge of the junk at Tai O produced a licence which had just been taken out at Cheung Chow.

No New Numbers Painted.

In answer to His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) witness said that it was the duty of Police boatmen to paint new numbers on a junk. The reason why the new numbers had not been painted on at Cheung Chow, he understood, was that the boat had left before the Police boatmen got there.

The man who called himself the owner of the junk produced a trading junk licence. That of the original owner had been a fishing junk licence.

The Attorney General (Sir J. Kemp K.C.) gave notice of asking witness as to certain questions he put to the so-called owner (the prisoner) before he charged him.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy (defending) objected and said that it had been laid down in law that if a man was asked questions by a policeman he felt more or less bound to answer them and that it was monstrous, if, without having been charged and cautioned, statements were later produced against a man.

His Lordship held against Mr. Fitzroy, however, stating that the Police Sergt. was only pursuing enquiries in the ordinary course of his duties.

"In Family For 9 Years."
Sergt. Griffin said that, in reply to questions, through an interpreter, the prisoner had stated that the junk had been in his family for 9 years.

The deed of sale from a Chinese official which the prisoner had later produced at the magistracy proceedings was not produced at the time.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said that, after having questioned the man, he had him locked up as the owner of the junk was in Hong Kong.

Counsel: Is it customary to lock a man up without charging him?
Witness: The Ordinances provide for locking a man up in certain cases for twenty-four hours without charging him.

Witness added that as soon as the real owner of the junk arrived at Tai O witness charged the prisoner at the Water Police Station.

The case is proceeding.

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ARAFURA	6,000	5th April 8.00 a.m.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
JEYPORE	7,848	12th April 8.00 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,862	15th April 8.00 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	15th April 8.00 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	20th April 8.00 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MORGA	10,953	29th April 8.00 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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ANNUAL MEETING HELD
TO-DAY.

NEW GODOWN DELAY.

Shareholders were told at the annual meeting to-day that delay in the construction of a new building for the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Co. Godown Co., Ltd. was due to the coal strike at Home.

Reference was also made to the decreased profits and the bonus of \$25,000 to a retiring servant with 30 years' service.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (chairman) presided, supported by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. A. S. Cubbay, Mr. Frank Austin, and Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (directors) and Mr. F. H. Crapnell (acting secretary).

Shareholders present were:—
Captain T. P. Hall, Messrs. J. Robinson, W. S. Bailey, O. Kitchell, Seu Kon-chi, F. M. Crawford, N. V. A. Croucher, A. Murdoch, J. T. Bagram, C. H. W. Kew and T. G. Stokes.

How the Company Started.

The acting secretary read the convening notice. After the customary reference to procedure, the Hon. Mr. Bernard said:—

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Sir C. P. Chater last May and the very great loss we have suffered thereby.

This company was floated in 1887 to take over the business of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf, Godown & Cargo Boat Co., and the wharf and godown interests of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. The former was the development of Sir Paul's interests and entirely due to his initiative and the work he personally undertook in the early days to satisfy himself as to the suitability of the waterfront for the business he developed.

When this company was formed he became a permanent director and during the 40 years since its inception he took the keenest interest in its progress and his services were of the greatest value to the company.

Profits and Dividend.

The net earnings for the past year amounted to \$754,838.14 which is \$227,975.95 less than for the previous year.

This decrease was entirely due to the adverse conditions which ruled throughout the year and with which you are all familiar.

The balance available for appropriation, including \$331,190.50 brought forward, amounts to \$812,733.68. Your directors recommend the payment of a dividend of \$6 per share and that the balance, \$332,733.68, be carried forward.

You will notice a Retiring bonus of \$25,000 was paid to the accountant, Mr. Hooper, who retired after 30 years' service. Your directors feel sure that shareholders will approve the payment of this bonus in recognition of Mr. Hooper's long and faithful service.

New Godown Construction.

The building of the new godown, to which I referred at last year's meeting, has been delayed somewhat as manufacturers in England were unable to supply the steelwork during the coal strike. However, nearly all the necessary material has now arrived and we expect to be able to use part of the ground floor for cargo by the second half of April and we hope the whole of the building by the end of the year.

I do not think there is anything more that calls for comment, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

When this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer any questions any shareholder may wish to ask.

Other Business.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang seconded. No question was put and the adoption of the report and accounts was carried unanimously.

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. A. S. D. Cousland and Mr. Allan Cameron as directors—proposed by Mr. W. S. Bailey, seconded by Captain T. P. Hall.

Re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth, & Fleming and Messrs. Linstead & Davis as auditors for 1927—proposed by Mr. F. M. Crawford, seconded by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher.

Dividend warrants can be had on application as from to-morrow.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong for Australian ports on the N.Y.K. s.s. "Mishima Maru" on Feb. 23 were:—Mrs. Baitha, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gadsby, Mr. S. F. Pevselt, Mrs. N. Ken-draff, Mrs. O. Ivienuk, Mrs. S. F. Pavrieff, Mr. R. Slesser Campbell, Mr. Zeitmann, Mr. W. Dorfman, Mr. E. A. Williams.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong for Japan and ports on the N.Y.K. s.s. "Kamo Maru" on Feb. 23 were:—Mr. J. R. Vincent, Miss K. V. Vincent, Mrs. M. Brunnstrom, Mr. N. P. Bondixon, Mr. J. Howden Hume, Mrs. A. E. Mellanby, Miss H. D. Mellanby, Mr. F. Brunnstrom, Mr. J. Martin, Mr. J. Nieuwenhuys, Miss K. V. Vincent, Mr. R. H. Wiles, Mrs. A. S. Percy, Miss R. K. Piery, Master R. P. Piery, Miss E. A. W. Davay, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. de Havilland, Mr. D. Boris, Mr. W. F. A. Snell, Miss E. Cartwright, Mr. Alan Turbulb, Mr. H. E. G. Paget, Mr. H. G. Boyling, Mr. D. Elmgum, Mr. P. M. Nieldon, Mr. J. B. Smith, Mr. M. Loutitt, Mr. E. E. Doersam, Mr. Romais.

LOST HER WAY.

PASSENGER SHIP STRAYS IN
MIST.

Brisbane, Jan. 24.—After having lost her way coming up the coast from Sydney owing to heavy mist and rain, the passenger steamer "Kanowna" berthed at Eagle-street wharf at 7 o'clock to-night. The vessel carried a large number of passengers from southern ports and left Sydney on Saturday. All the way up the coast dirty weather was experienced. At 8.30 on Sunday night Cape Byron was passed, and then the vessel plunged into a sea of mist. From there onwards no land was sighted and despite the vigilance and precautions of the captain and crew it was discovered at 11 o'clock this morning that the vessel had passed Cape Moreton and was off Arkwright Point, about 18 miles up coast. By this time the weather had moderated somewhat and the steamer was put about and made for Cape Moreton. On coming up the river the "Kanowna" had to contend with a current running six miles an hour.

THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

Melbourne, Jan. 23.—An impressive ceremony marked the presentation of the King's colours to H.A.M.S. "Cerberus," and thus to the chief land base of the Australian Navy by his Excellency the Governor-General (Lord Stonehaven) at the Flinders naval depot on Saturday. About 1,500 officers and men, 600 of whom carried rifles with fixed bayonets, were drawn up on the parade ground to receive the colours. The excellent drilling of the men, who were dressed in spotless white uniforms, contributed greatly to the dignity of the ceremony. Few visitors were present. Next week, at Sydney, the King's colours will be presented to the seagoing fleet by Lord Stonehaven.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" is due here to-day, and will berth at Kowloon Wharf, Pier No. 5. The B. I. s.s. "Gambhira" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 18, p.m., and is due here to-morrow, at about 7.30 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on March 2. The m.v. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on Jan. 25, and is due here on or about March 2.

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WEDDING.

TAGGART—TURNER.—At the British Consulate General and afterwards at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, on the 23rd February, 1927, James Harper Taggart to Mary Turner (nee Bowen).

Hong Kong, Thursday, Feb. 24, 1927.

A FINAL WARNING!

At long last British patience in regard to anti-British propaganda by the Russian Soviet and its emissaries has been exhausted. A stern warning has been addressed to the Soviet Government by Great Britain. There have been warnings before, of course. But these have carried the issue no further. They have only made even British subjects abroad wonder how long anti-British propaganda in China would be tolerated, and wonder, too, if the British Government was really earnest in its protests in the past.

There need be no further cause for speculation if the latest Note to Soviet Russia can be taken at its face value. The British Government is in deadly earnest now. The Note recapitulates the previous warnings both by the Ramsay MacDonald Government in 1924 and by the present Government repeatedly since. It states that the public attitude of men in high places in Soviet Russia is totally inconsistent with the professions of goodwill given privately by representatives of the Soviet in Britain. Speeches of Bukharin, Rykov, and others are cited indicating the nature of the anti-British propaganda. And Russia is told that there are limits beyond which it is dangerous to drive public opinion in

The Diocesan Boys' School.

When, some eight years ago, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, the Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School, came forward with what was regarded as a somewhat ambitious scheme for the rebuilding of the School at Yau-mat upon lines without precedent in the Far East, the project was regarded by many as unattainable. Nothing daunted, however, Mr. Featherstone and his Committee launched their campaign and slowly definite plans for the building of the magnificent School premises began to materialise. After some negotiation with the Government of Hong Kong it was announced that a site of twenty-three and a half acres had been secured, and with the sale of the Bonham Road site, further steps were taken. The general strike of 1925 interfered with progress to a certain extent, resulting in the temporary postponement of the completion of a second storey to the buildings, but that did not prevent the School leaving the Island just over a year ago, when occupation of the completed portion of the buildings at Yau-mat was undertaken. Now comes the trouble in China and the necessity for providing suitable hospital accommodation for the 10,000 (odd) British troops who will shortly arrive in the Orient. What finer building could be found than the new School with its lofty and commodious halls and dormitories? One can imagine the feeling of Mr. Featherstone when first approached upon the subject. Those who have followed the progress of the building know full well the amount of work that has been put in in the matter of preparing the plans and bringing the scheme to its fruition—only for the building to be vacated so soon after occupation! But as was stated in an article published yesterday, what the School loses, the Military Authorities gain. The care and comfort of our troops must be the first consideration of everyone in cases of emergency such as the present, and so the School Committee have been called upon to make this sacrifice. One cannot but reiterate the statement made yesterday, namely that a great debt of gratitude and, we hope, something more—is due to the School. That the Headmaster and his Committee will be the recipient of a general expression of gratitude goes without saying, but it is well that their action in this direction should be emphasised, so that when the time comes for the launching of the appeal hinted at yesterday, the public will not forget to show their gratitude in a tangible form.

BRITAIN IN CHINA.**The Position To-day Explained.****THE HAND OF RUSSIA.**

The most recent news from China (writes E. M. Gull in the London "Daily News" of December 23, on his return to England after a visit to China) makes it appear probable that the Cantonese will soon be in possession of the greater part, not the whole, of the Yangtze Valley, including Shanghai. Understanding of their motives and aims and the British attitude towards them has accordingly become a matter of great practical importance—for the following reasons. In the first place, a large proportion of our very considerable trade in China is done in the Yangtze Valley, the commercial potentialities of which are enormous. The valley has an area of close on 600,000 square miles, and a population of 180,000,000—nearly half the total population of the country. In the second place, of the estimated total of British capital invested in China, \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000, a large proportion is invested in that area, not less than \$63,000,000 being invested in various forms in Shanghai. Thirdly, it is in the Yangtze Valley that the greater part of China's Customs revenue is collected, which revenue is security for outstanding obligations to British bondholders totalling some \$14,000,000.

Why Relations have been Bad.

If the Cantonese remain in control of the valley, still more if they obtain control of North China also, our relations with them must inevitably rest not only on the economic interests which the figures given above represent, but on interests not included in them, those, namely, of Hong Kong, and through Hong Kong, on the Straits Settlements, where a very large Chinese population lives (at present contentedly) under British rule.

For some time past our relations with the Cantonese have been bad, and the first duty of this article is to answer the question, why. The fundamental reason, in the opinion of the writer, is that the Cantonese have come to regard us as the principal obstacle to the recovery by China of what are called her Sovereign Rights. These at the present time are limited in a number of ways—

By inability to increase her tariff without the consent of foreign Powers; By lack of freedom in disposing of the revenue accruing from the duties imposed by the tariff. By inability to tax foreigners other than Russians, Finns, Germans, Austrians, Czechs, Slovaks, and Hungarians, because China does not exercise any judicial control over them, and through the existence of a number of residential areas known as settlements and concessions which foreigners administer, most of which have become the principal ports of the country.

The answer naturally leads to the further question: "Is Great Britain, in fact, the chief obstacle to the removal of these limitations on China's sovereign rights?" The reply is: "No; the chief obstacle to their removal has hitherto been the state of China itself."

The Peking Government. For just ten years the claim of the Central Government, established in Peking, to speak for, and on behalf of, the country as a whole has been disputed by various parts of China, and by none more vociferously than the Cantonese.

For at least three years past the authority of the Central Government as such has in most matters been confined to no larger a part of China than Middlesex, Surrey, and Sussex are of England. And outside this comparatively small area the territories ruled by provincial governments in alliance with, or in opposition to, one another have been constantly changing in extent; so that at no time has it been possible to be sure where sovereignty, either central or local, lay. It is impossible to restore sovereign rights when the centre of sovereignty cannot be ascertained. The sovereignty of the present Cantonese Government in Canton itself is of very recent date, outside Canton there are many parts of the province of which it is the capital (Kuangtung) where the Government writ does not run even to-day.

Safeguards. While these facts are true, it is also true that if to-morrow, or a month hence, or at any time in the near future, the Cantonese were to establish an authority in China, recognisable as sovereign, the immediate removal of all the restrictions mentioned above would be an operation more difficult and dangerous for us than for any other Power, because British interests in China are greater, and more ramified than those of any other.

The safeguards represented by the restrictions are, therefore, of most importance to us, and we have to scrutinise more carefully than any other nation proposals for the withdrawal of the safeguards. In this sense, and in this only, is Great Britain a greater obstacle to acquisition by China of full sovereign rights than any other Power. All over China, Russians have been misinterpreting this fact, about which there is nothing wrong at all. And though the Cantonese leaders are acute enough to appreciate the fact, correctly, and know that Great Britain has already agreed in principle to tariff and

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Mr. J. H. Gomes,
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Across.

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Down.

1, LANK; 2, IF; 3, BROAD; 4, OES; 5, EG; 6, ET; 7, SAG; 8, TRITE; 9, PO; 10, IWIS; 12, ISLAM; 14, ODAL; 16, ROOLS; 18, SO; 19, AS; 21, AGIO; 23, PAN; 24, LENDS; 26, STOP; 30, TRAIN; 31, ABATE; 35, ADELA; 36, NAVAL; 37, PORKS; 38, OAR; 39, YAPNU; 43, BOLAS; 46, NICE; 49, TIPS; 51, CURSE; 53, LEG; 55, AMASS; 58, CANT; 60, PUBS; 61, UP; 62, EH; 64, POST; 66, NEW; 67, ADO; 69, ALL; 70, TIE; 72, LO; 73, AD; 74, EP; 76, TA.

HARD LUCK.**ITALIAN AVIATOR'S PLANE DAMAGED.**

Fernando Noronha, Feb. 23. The Marquis de Pinado has informed the Italian Government that he does not know when he will be able to continue the flight to the mainland, as the aeroplane was seriously damaged when landing in the Bay of Santo Antonio yesterday.—Reuter.

tonomy and to other liberal changes, at Russian suggestion, and as the price of Russian help, the Cantonese have been using the fact as the basis for an anti-British crusade, their need of popular support coinciding for the time being with the aim of the Russians, which is to inflame popular passion in order to spread their own influences and doctrines.

A Misdirected Cause. Thus, the nationalist cause in China, which, fundamentally, is sound enough, has been misdirected, while the British attitude towards it has been equally misdirected. Clearly, what is now necessary is to restore correlation between Cantonese motives and aims and to make the latter serve Chinese and not Russian aspirations. On the other hand, it is necessary to make plain that a perfectly legitimate concern for our own rights does not mean indifference or hostility towards those of China. This, according to recently published telegrams, is the task on which the newly appointed British Minister, Sir Miles Lampson, is now engaged.**CORRESPONDENCE.****WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir—Rumour has it that the War Memorial Committee have decided to abandon the idea of erecting a Hospital on the recently completed site adjoining Stubbs Road and erect a less expensive building on a more suitable site.

Where public money is being spent I consider it is the paramount duty of those in control to advise the public of any change in the proposals such as is mentioned above, and the Committee would do well in this instance to take those who subscribed for the Memorial into their confidence.

In any event the change of site now provides the Committee with an opportunity of offering the Building to competition amongst the local architects, which, in fairness to everyone, should have been done in the first instance. Why one particular firm is given the commission without the others having been given an opportunity of proving themselves incapable of undertaking such work has never been satisfactorily explained. The statement that a competition could not be held locally on account of there being no competent assessor can be discounted as both Shanghai and Singapore have held competitions quite successfully the Assessors being selected at home by the Royal Institute of British architects.

In conclusion, I submit that if the War Memorial Committee can waste \$100,000 on the formation of a site and five years of valuable time then it can surely spend another few thousand and six months' time in having a local competition so that we are assured that the hospital when erected is the best our local architects can produce. Enclosing my card.

Yours, etc.,
SQUARE DEAL.
Hong Kong, Feb. 23.**SLIPPED TOWEL.****LEADS TO CONVICTION OF ROBBER.****"A COWARDLY ATTACK."**

The man who was recognised in the street at Wan-chai by a woman as the man who took part in a robbery at her house at Kowloon City was found guilty by the jury at yesterday's Criminal Sessions.

The man in question, she stated, had had a towel or handkerchief round his face but it slipped off as he was robbing the house and both she and her daughter were able to recognise his features.

In sentencing prisoner to four years with hard labour, Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl said that the attack in the house was a cowardly one on unprotected women. The only doubt in his mind was as to whether he should sentence, prisoner to be flogged but seeing that the woman had not suffered any actual pain he had decided not to add to the term of imprisonment a flogging.

NEW WHAT HE WAS DOING.

Charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning with illegally possessing 427 Po-Pui lottery tickets, a Chinese stated that he had been promised two dollars to take the tickets to a certain house.

[Mr. Lindell: You knew you were doing wrong, and you were willing to take the risk? You were caught and must take the penalty—\$250 or two months' hard labour.]

EXPIRED PASSPORTS.

FAMILY CIRCUS TROUPE'S TROUBLES.

FRUITLESS CANTON VISIT.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, renewed his application for the expulsion of John and Steve Floris, two circus performers.

Major C. Willson, O.B.E., T.D., heard the case in the absence of Mr. Schofield and Mr. F. G. Vaux, solicitor, defended.

Addressing the Magistrate, Mr. Vaux said that in his opinion, the case was one of presumption only. The Police contended that the defendants had arrived in the Colony without passports, but it was a case of presumption until proved. The passports could not be produced at the time, but had since arrived here. Presumption was therefore rebutted.

Major Willson: I think that a conviction is necessary in the circumstances. It is certainly a breach of the regulations.

No Business in Canton.

Mr. King: The question is whether the passports are valid.

Mr. Vaux: They obtained passports in Shanghai from the United States Consul-General there. They went direct to Canton but owing to the unsettled state of affairs, were unable to give a show. In fact, business in the circus line was impossible. I am informed that they applied to the British Consul-General for a visa for Hong Kong, but were told that it was not necessary.

His Worship: I will make an order, but it can stay in abeyance.

Mr. Vaux said that he would have to ask for time. The party comprised some fifteen members—three generations of one family—and they wished to go to a place where they could all give a show together.

His Worship: How long do you want?—Two months.

His Worship: You ask me to let them stay here for two months without passports?—Oh. They have passports now.

No Visas.

Mr. King: Yes, passports without visas. The position is that they have been before the Court for three weeks, and it is only through the Police agreeing to hold up proceedings that they are still here. Their passports expired long ago, and I do not think that this is a case which I can regard as one of ignorance. For reasons best known to themselves they did not get their passports put in order.

Mr. Vaux said that as far as he could see, when they found Canton to be so disturbed as to make a circus impossible, they unexpectedly decided to come to Hong Kong. If they had to leave the Colony within three days, they would all lose quite a good deal of money.

Major Willson: Can they settle matters within two weeks?

Mr. Vaux: It will be difficult.

Mr. King said that he would raise no objection to the granting of fourteen days provided Mr. Vaux assure him that they really would leave the Colony by that date.

His Worship: You must expect circus proprietors to make proper arrangements. An order is made for their expulsion from the Colony, but the order will be suspended for fourteen days. I will inflict no penalty in the case.

UNIVERSITY UNION.

STUDENTS' FULL YEAR OF ACTIVITIES.

FLOURISHING MAGAZINE.

Mr. Ng Bow Poo, the President, presided over the annual general meeting on Tuesday of the Hong Kong University Union. There was a very large attendance of members.

Among matters dealt with in the report were the successful observance of the anniversary of the institution of the Chinese Republic, the success of Mr. Wong Ping-ku in converting a loss on the Union magazine account to a profit of over \$300, the revival (under Mr. Tseng Chao-hua) of the Chinese section of this magazine, the entertainment of Lord and Lady Willington and members of the American "Floating University," and the need of the Union for funds.

In spite of generous donations from Mr. Ho Kom-tong and Mr. Mok-Kong-sang, there was an excess of expenditure over income amounting to \$1,847.15.

The matter of the wearing of University colours was raised and the Chairman indicated that the Registrar had undertaken to consult the honorary solicitors as to what steps might be taken to ensure that the colours are only worn by members.

Mr. Ong Chong-keng was elected President for the ensuing year amidst applause; Mr. Peter Pau, Hon. Secretary; Messrs. Lee Shan-chieh and Tan Tiong-lam, independent members of the Union Council.

Tributes to the retiring President and to Mr. W. B. Finnigan, the Hon. Treasurer, closed the meeting.

DANCING DISPLAY.

MISS CAPELL'S SHOW FOR CHARITY.

"DRESSED LIVING DOLLS."

All must agree on the excellence of cultivating graceful movement and in this many pupils of Miss Violet Capell have been most successful.

Whether—apart from advertisement and the collection of money for charity—it is good for young children to perform in public, especially at night, is more doubtful but mothers love to dress-up their living dolls.

In yesterday afternoon's dancing display at the Theatre Royal, there were several star pupils, notably Daphne Bird charming in "The Moth Dance" and Helen Ho, who danced a "Dragon Fly" with real abandon. The team work was poorly done and much more practice was needed; and certain songs of the music hall type only still further extended an over long programme.

For so young a child, Dorita Breakpear's performance was excellent while M. Matthews showed herself an accomplished ballet dancer.

Great amusement was caused by the babies who were Miss Capell's mascots in "Nippy" and by N. Machado the "Charleston Baby," a wonderfully agile small person.

The Carnival was very pleasant, the children so thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the Blackbirds (P. Haslam, N. Hornell and B. Hance), the "Sailor (K. Glover) and the Scottish Laddie (U. Glendinning) the Bacchante (R. Wong), especially distinguishing themselves while Felix (H. Gaan) was the life of the party.

Names of Helpers.

Those taking part in the first matinee yesterday are given below. There will be other performances on Saturday night and Monday afternoon.

Miss Capell extends thanks to her many friends who have assisted in many ways towards the success, among whom special mention is made of Mrs. Chater, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. South, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Vaughan, Miss Bragg, Mr. Lenfestey, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Slipper and Mr. Thompson.

To the Anderson Music Store, the A.D.C. for the loan of scenery, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the loan of baskets and tins and Mr. J. E. Hancock, by whom the programme was published.

Ensemble—"Chinese Dance"—J. Blake, J. Chou, N. Branch, H. Hance, P. Buchanan, J. de la Prade, D. Wu, P. Toole, E. Carroll, J. Harper.

Solo—"The Moth and the Lamp"—Ernest Gillet—Daphne Bird.

[* On Saturday, Pam Miles.]

Ensemble—"Nippy"—Vincent Your-nans.

"Bell Boy," Violet Capell.

"Masques," A. King, I. Berry.

P. Capell, I. Schierhorst, E. Rose, M. Matthews, P. Gittins, C. Dixon, B. Walker, V. Levkovich, E. Geare, M. Taylor, S. Ho, R. Wong, S. Law, F. Ho Tung.

[* On Saturday, Dorita Breakpear as "Bell Boy".]

Solo—"Parasol Dance"—W. Aletter.

—Joan South.

Solo—"Three Little Hollanders"—J. Berry, I. Woolley, O. Durrachmidt.

Solo—"A Little Bit of 'Fluff'"—Dorita Breakpear.

Ensemble—"County Dance"—Ed. German.

Boys: B. Hance, M. de la Prade, P. Haslam, F. Donald, D. Durrachmidt, P. Mooney, N. Zimmern, H. Wylie.

Girls: H. Hance, D. Ferguson, P. Toole, J. Harper, M. Middleton Smith, D. Wu, J. de la Prade, J. Blake.

Pas-de-Deux:—M. Matthews and P. Capell.

Ensemble—"Elves and Fairies"—

"Pearly Queen," Pat Tod.

M. Tod, A. Purves, P. Hegarty, M. Churn, R. Hall, D. Sanders, M. Baker, P. Miles, P. Buchanan, E. Murdoch, D. Williams, G. Percy, P. Grosse, S. Bullock, I. Berry, B. Day, D. Macready, J. Breakpear, W. Remington, A. Mellon, H. Taylor, A. King, E. Ferguson, N. Kelly, N. Machado, H. Lindell.

Solo—"Dragon Fly"—Helen Ho.

Ensemble—"The Spirit of Carnival"—

Blackbirds: P. Haslam, N. Hornell, B. Hance.

Pierrot and Pierrette: I. Woolley and P. Miles.

Dutch: J. South, P. Berry.

Toy Drum Major: I. Berry.

Charleston Baby: N. Machado.

Coquette: B. Day.

Welsh: P. Toole.

Seller: K. Glover.

Fish: M. Baker, S. Bullock.

Scotch: M. Glendinning.

Bacchante: R. Wong.

Clowns: F. Donald, J. Weller.

Coon: J. Chou, E. Carroll.

Russian: E. Rose, P. Gittins.

Folly: D. Durrachmidt.

Felix: H. Gaan.

Police: E. Ferguson.

Quaker Maid: A. King.

Song—"Tally Ho"—M. Matthews, V. Capell, C. Dixon.

Solo—"The Dream of the Little Ribbon Girl"—Eleanor Hegarty.

[* On Saturday, Alison Purves.]

Ensemble—"Skirt Dance"—H. Ho, H. Gaan, E. Ford, P. Ratham, J. Weller, M. Taylor, M. Meyer, K. Glover, S. Ho.

Pas-de-Deux—"Sweethearts"—Isabel Berry and Helen Taylor, with Joan Berry as "Cupid."

Solo—"The Awakening of Spring"—Marie Meyer.

Trio—"Water Lilies"—M. Glendinning, K. Glover, E. Carroll.

Solo—"The Pearl"—F. Borowski.

Ensemble—"The Ballet of Youth"—

"The Spirit of Youth," Violet Capell, P. Capell, I. Schierhorst, E. Rose, M.

HEALTH WEEK.

AMBULANCE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

WORK OF RED CROSS MEN.

Hong Kong's "red cross" men have been again distinguishing themselves in good work for the Colony.

From Feb. 3 to 13, nearly 900 persons were vaccinated by the "Chinese Y.M.C.A. division" of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, at the request of the "kai fongs" (i.e., elders of the community) as follows:—

Aberdeen village, 235.

Cheung Chau Island, 660.

Total 895.

During the local "Health Week" (Feb. 21 to 26) vaccinations are being carried out at the entrance to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Bridges Street.

On the first three days of this week, the average was about 300 persons per day, making a total of over 900 persons on the evenings of Monday, Tuesday and yesterday.

The most pleasing feature is that no fee is charged by the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.

TROUBLE BETWEEN OLD FRIENDS.

INDIANS IN COURT.

Described by Mr. Leo d'Almada as a cowardly assault, an altercation between two Indians, stated to be friends of some twenty years' standing, led to the appearance of one of the two men before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when a charge of causing grievous bodily harm was preferred against the man.

Some difficulty arose over the framing of the charge, Mr. Schofield having succeeded Mr. Ainsworth on the Bench at the Kowloon Magistracy since the last hearing.

Mr. d'Almada, prosecuting, said that it would be necessary for his Worship to hear the evidence before deciding whether or not the accused should be committed on a more serious charge.

Mr. Duncan MacCallum (defending): Quite obviously, I am certainly entitled to know what I am charged with.

Outlining the case, Mr. d'Almada, said that the two men had known each other for over twenty years, the defendant being a native of the same village in India as was the complainant.

Mr. MacCallum raised an objection to a history of his client being made public at that stage.

Mr. d'Almada said that he was prepared to prove in evidence any statement that he might make in his opening address.

The objection was over-ruled. Continuing, Mr. d'Almada said that in November of last year the defendant, who was then employed by the complainant, received notice. On the last day of the month he was given shelter by the complainant. Defendant asked the complainant to dismiss one of the Indian watchmen and to give the post to him. No decision was arrived at, but sometime during the beginning of the present month the complainant received information to the effect that the defendant intended assaulting him.

On February 8 whilst riding in Canton Road, the complainant's ricksha coolie heard the cry "man man." The coolie stopped and the defendant rushed at the complainant hitting him with a heavy stick.

After hearing medical evidence as to the complainant's injuries, his Worship adjourned the case until Tuesday next.

CRUISER FIGURES.

London, Feb. 23.

The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Walter Ridsdill, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy, said: The cruisers at present being constructed for the British Empire, Japan and the United States were eleven, six and two, respectively.—Reuter.

The only case of notifiable disease in the Colony on Wednesday was that of a Chinese from Kowloon with small-pox.

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M. Tod, P. Tod, R. Wu, B. Day, A. King, A. Mellon, A. Purves, M. Baker, H. Hills, D. Macready, E. Ferguson, P. Miles, A. Black, A. Raworth, S. Bullock, D. Page, P. Buchanan, J. Breakpear, C. Sanger, W. Remington, N. Kelly, I. Berry, P. Grosse, N. Machado, H. Taylor, M. Churn.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

(Continued from page 1.)

Mention is also made of a grossly insulting and mendacious cartoon on the front page of the issue of December 29 depicting Sir Austen Chamberlain as applauding the execution of Lithuanian Communists.

Hard Facts.

The Note concludes: "In recording this deplorable attitude of the Soviet leaders, His Majesty's Government have no intention of embarking on a controversy with them. The publicly recorded speeches and articles in the organs are incontrovertible facts about which no argument is possible."

"Nor can the Soviet Government be under illusion that their sentiments have passed unnoticed in this country. Not only have they been reported in the 'Daily Press,' but from time to time men of authority have been compelled to give expression to the indignation inspired by the open hostility of the Soviet Government to the British Empire and their public attacks on British interests."

"To embody these complaints in a formal note of protest might in the circumstances seem superfluous. But it is right that there should be no misconception in Russia or elsewhere as the attitude of the British Government in the matter. The toleration they have shown to Soviet agents and citizens is not to be confounded with ignorance of their designs."

"His Majesty's Government have persistently striven for the promotion of world peace. In the foregoing account of grievous outrages and injuries to British interests, committed by, or through the agency of, the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics they have drawn only upon sources of information already open to the whole world."

Almost Unendurable Provocation.

"Thus limited it is still sufficient to show what patience and forbearance in the face of repeated and almost unendurable provocation have been shown by His Majesty's Government in their desire to avoid any action which might still further embitter public feeling on either side or add to the anxieties of other nations."

"His Majesty's Government are not concerned with the internal affairs of Russia nor with its form of Government. All they require is that the Government should refrain from interference with purely British concerns and abstain from hostile action or propaganda against British subjects."

Gravest Warning.

"But they consider it necessary to warn the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics in the gravest terms that there are limits beyond which it is dangerous to drive public opinion in this country, and that the continuance of such acts as are here complained of must sooner or later make inevitable the abrogation of the trade agreement, the stipulations of which have been so flagrantly violated, and even the severance of ordinary diplomatic relations."

"His Majesty's Government trust that this protest and warning will be received by the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics with the attention which they require and that no further cause of complaint may be given."—British Wireless Service.

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ZIONIST EMISSARY.

COMING FAR EASTERN TOUR.

"WHITE JERUSALEM JEWS."

London, Feb. 1.

Jerusalem.—Doctor Alexander Goldstein will shortly visit remote Jewries throughout the world, some of which have never received a Zionist emissary.

Dr. Goldstein will begin his tour at Bombay and Calcutta, and will then proceed to Rangoon, Malaya, Australia, Japan and China.

Perhaps the most interesting visit will be to the "White Jerusalem Jews and the Black Bene of Israel" of Cochim.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for all local districts is as follows:—E. winds, moderate; overcast, drizzle, fog.

At 11.12 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased slightly to moderately over Japan, is nearly stationary over the Philippines and has decreased slightly to moderately elsewhere.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day: barometer 30.04; temperature 67; humidity 94; wind E. force 5; weather, overcast with drizzle.

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MISCHIEF IN CHINA.

The Attacks on British Interests.

A Reuter cable giving the text of the British Note emphasises its bearing on events in China. According to this cable the Note says that, addressing the Party Executive in Moscow in October of last year, M. Bukharin expressed the opinion that a victorious Chinese revolution would find an immediate echo in India, Indonesia and Dutch India—the English miners' strike and the national revolution in China seem to be the chief spots for the Soviet to apply its efforts—and we must now concentrate on a central attack of the Chinese people, of the Kuomintang and of the Communist Party into war against foreign Imperialists.

The Note quotes inter alia extracts from speeches by the Soviet leader, M. Bukharin, attacking the British Empire, with special reference to China, which it says received the direct approval of the Soviet Government in a speech by M. Rykoff, President of the Soviet Peoples' Commissars on November 3.

The Note remarks that the quotations "illustrate the utility of the pretence that the attacks on British interests in China are not instigated and not directed by the Soviet."

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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

DUTY OF TELLING FRIENDS AT HOME.

Developments of historical importance have occurred in China this week. For two reasons, non-Chinese should send away comprehensive reports. These two reasons are:—

To satisfy the demand for information from the spot.
 To help the cause of correct representation of facts, &c.

HOW PEOPLE GET MUDDLED.

As another instance of people at home being muddled in their ideas, it is interesting to mention that a leading London paper gives the name of Shanghai's defender as Sun Shuan (meaning Sun Chuan-fang).

Detailed reports from this part of the world, from an impartial source, must be particularly welcome just now.

EVERYTHING OF INTEREST.

The latest issue of the "Overland" includes the unique "sedition literature" case (as an illustration of Labour Union unreasonableness); the reports right from the beginning of the Shanghai strike (including the cables about Chinese officials beheading strike agitators); the settlement of the Hankow dispute (with subsidiary statements); the China War and Canton's advance on Shanghai; and, as usual, all the local news and China cables.

WEALTH OF VARIETY.

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The Countess of Bristol has died, at the age of 84 years, as the result of being struck by a motor car in Hyde Park.

An important advertisement appears on page 3 of this issue with regard to the Flower Show on March 10, together with instructions to members of the Horticultural Society.

Freemasons of the English and of the Scottish Constitution are attending the second annual Masonic service in St. John's Cathedral at 6 p.m. this Sunday. A cordial invitation is extended to all Freemasons in the Colony to attend.

No. 142 Des Voeux Road Central was sold yesterday at the China Auction Rooms, Mr. Wong Kwai-cheng becoming the owner at \$61,500. Property at Peace Avenue, Homutun (comprising up-to-date bungalows), was withdrawn at Messrs. Lammerts yesterday when the prices did not rise above \$31,700 and \$32,200.

A Belgian—M. Scouy—has offered \$100,000 worth of radium for the treatment of King Ferdinand of Roumania, free of charge. Five grains of radium bromide is the largest quantity ever used at one time. It is contained in an apparatus specially constructed by the Brussels Radium Institute.

Messrs. Hutchinson, the publishers, have withdrawn from circulation a book in which the author stated that Lord Kitchener's private secretary was a German whose efficiency made him indispensable. The publishers find that the statement is untrue, and they apologise. The secretary is still living.

After 31 operations and having been twice certified dead, Mrs. Shrive was buried at Rushden on Jan. 25. Thirty years ago when she was being carried to the Bristol Mortuary her bearers stumbled and the woman was found to be alive. Two years later she was laid out as dead, but regained consciousness. Her relatives say it is a happy release since she suffered from lupus and cancer, but had an exceptionally sound heart. The case is medically regarded as a marvellous instance of resistance to malignant disease. At the relatives' request two arteries were severed before interment.

Tickets are now available for the Masked Ball at the City Hall on the night of March 4 and can be obtained from the Advertising and Publicity Bureau.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon with the theft of fifty catties of pine trees, Sgt. Kirby informed his Worship that shortly after his arrest and handcuffing, the defen-



William H. Cowell, of the University of New Hampshire, who has been elected president of the American Football Union for 1927, one of the most important positions existing in the government of the sporting game. He succeeds Gilmour Dobie of Cornell.

dant succeeded in dodging his escort, making good his escape on the hillside. An Indian constable on patrol duty on the Cheung Sha Wan Road five hours later, however, spotted the man who had not been able to remove the handcuffs. A fine of \$17 with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour was imposed.

Whilst attempting to board a moving contractor's train on the Castle Peak Road early yesterday morning, a Chinese slipped, falling under the wheels of the trucks. His decapitated body was found shortly afterwards by members of the Kowloon contingent of the flying squad, who happened to be on duty in the neighbourhood at the time. The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Last night Mr. E. Raipha was installed as Provincial Grand Prior vice Sir Paul C. Chater, deceased. It is worthy of note that the last installation took place in 1885, 42 years ago.

When Viscount Curzon, who is noted as a speed motorist, was driving at Hove, his car skidded on a bend in a frost covered road and overturned down a bank. Lord Curzon was taken to hospital suffering from a dislocated shoulder and severe shock.

The death is announced of Major-General, George Stewart, who entered the Bengal Army in 1866 and served throughout the Indian Mutiny, 1857-59. He was present at Havelock's relief of Cawnpore and Lucknow. He also participated in the China War, the Afghan War and the Amoy Campaign.

A New York message says that Mr. G. Bernard Shaw has started legal proceedings for an injunction against Mr. William Page, an American theatrical man, and the latter's publishers and printer, to restrain them from publishing, without permission, four letters written by Mr. Shaw to Mr. Page 25 years ago. With regard to the production of some of his plays in New York, which Mr. Page has incorporated in a book, Mr. Shaw is also claiming \$100,000 as damages.

The American motor yacht "Warrior" arrived at Singapore on Feb. 18 with a party of American and English society people on board. The yacht is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Williams, of New York, who have with them as guests Mr. Paul D. Cravath, Lady Abby Col. Rivers Wergen, and Capt. Ralph Burton. The passengers joined the yacht at Madras, and since leaving that port they have called at Rangoon, Penang, and Malacca. Their next port will be Bangkok. The "Warrior," which is anchored off the western end of the Singapore breakwater, is a smart vessel of 1,481 tons, and has a crew of 45.

Mrs. R. S. Piercy, with Miss R. K. and Master R. P. Piercy, sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "Kamo Maru" bound for the North.

The estate of the late Lord Bearsted, founder of the Shell Transport Company, has been sworn at \$4,000,000.

Nurseries specially fitted up by the Queen are ready at Sandringham awaiting the Princess Elizabeth, who is expected to make the journey soon. There has been a slight delay, as the baby has been



A recent photograph of Mrs. Charles Chaplin, the former Mrs. Gray. Mrs. Chaplin is suing her famous husband for divorce.

suffering from a cold in the eye. The Queen has even selected a cow to supply the daily ration of the Princess. The King and Queen alike are looking forward with pleasure to the arrival of the baby guest. It is rumoured that Princess Elizabeth is already making efforts to talk to her mother (the Duchess of York) has been promised a special telegram announcing the birth of the first articulate word by the infant Princess.

American tenderers have under-bid the Australians for the whole of the War Office contract for 1,500,000 tins of canned beef.

An experimental station for the investigation of malaria, to be named after Sir Ronald Ross, will shortly be opened in India, according to an announcement of the Indian Government.

During the first three days of race week (next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) the local exchange banks will be open for public business only from 9.30 a.m. till 12 noon, according to an official announcement on page 3 of this issue.

A report has reached the "China Mail" that native men, suspected to be unauthorised, are asking for subscriptions for the Canton Hospital, which until the 1925 crisis was run by foreigners. It is learned that the majority of the canvassers have not met with any response.

An alpenstock inscribed "Doctor J. Bean," which was cast up by the Bossons Glacier, Mont Blanc, is a grim souvenir of a tragedy of 57 years ago. Dr. Bean, an American, and the Rev. Mr. McCorkindale, a minister from Glasgow, in September, 1870, with eight guides, climbed to the summit of Mont Blanc but were overtaken by a blizzard in descending and lost their way. The snowstorm lasted for a week, and then the bodies of McCorkindale, Bean and three guides were found in a crevasse. The other bodies were not recovered.

Says a London message of Jan. 24: Assisted by Sir Oliver Lodge, the Psychical Research Society has arranged to lock up six scientists, on the night of February 16, and cut off all communication with the outside world. The scientists will endeavour to get messages out to the world, but must not utter the messages—only think them. Wireless listeners throughout the world are asked to catch the messages, and send telepathic impressions to the British Broadcasting Corporation. The scientists' thoughts will be written beforehand, and placed in sealed envelopes, but the scientists will be locked up until the listeners have had time to send their telepathic impressions, which will then be compared with the contents of the envelopes.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell, the famous preacher, has been married at Brighton to his secretary, Miss Smith, and later in the day they left for North Africa to spend a honeymoon in the Sahara.

I hear that there is quite a rivalry between the Prince of Wales and Prince George as to who shall shine best at the Charleston (says a "Sunday Chronicle" writer.) It is an open secret that Prince George's dancing partner is the same good-looking brunette with whom he was constantly seen before he went to the China station. She was, in fact, one of the first people he saw on his arrival home, and rumours are again rising with regard to the "next Royal engagement."

It is curious to notice how many women artists and wives of artists have refused to cut their hair short. I say it is curious because I believe it was a woman artist who first started the fashion (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer.) Miss Carrington, then a Slade School student, bobbed her hair a year or two before the war, and for several years the only women in England who wore short hair were the women-folk of that illustrious Slade School generation which included Nash, the Spencers, Nevinson, Wadsworth, and Gertler.

The illness of Ellen Terry reminds me that she is almost the only actress still with us whom Queen Victoria saw on the stage (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer.) The late Queen greatly admired the acting of Ellen Terry, and on one occasion "regaled" the pretent King and his brother, the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, to a box at the Lyceum theatre to see Terry and her company. The Queen insisted upon the young Princess writing their impressions of the play and the acting "impressions" which she read carefully. Although she never visited the theatre after the Prince Consort's death, Queen Victoria several times "commanded" Irving and Ellen Terry to give performances in the Waterloo Chamber at Windsor Castle.

SPORTS SECTION

TRAINING TIMES.

Fine Gallops of Derby Ponies.

WHAT THE "CLOCK" TELLS.

(By "Patrol.")
Fine gallops have been put up this week by some Derby ponies. On going affected by the recent rain—although not particularly holding—two of the griffins have done so well that they look to stand a chance even in the Champions, against the pick of the "old" ponies.

While on this subject it should be stated that Bengal is looking very fit. Opinion now is that this Tientsin pony will start favourite for the big event on the third day and that the successful Derby candidates, fine as they are, may not be quite good enough to beat the old uns.

That remains to be seen. And there will also be Saligia and Grey Morn to uphold the prestige of the local stallions against the Northern invaders.

Pick of the Griffins.
Outstanding times returned by Derby ponies are—

1 1/4 miles.
Democrat: 2:17 (30.2).
Chesapeake Bay: 2:43.3 (30.4).
Elliot Bay: 2:51 (30.2).
Esprit: 2:53 (30.4).
1 mile.
Caudan: 2:19 (31.1).
Olo Custom: 2:15.2 (32.2).
Battle Eve: 2:18 (32.3).
King of England: 2:17.3 (32.1).
2 1/2 miles.
Bay of Fundy: 1:38.2 (31).
Of the old ponies the best times were by—

1 1/4 miles.
Lady Love: 2:18.2 (31.4).
1 mile.
Bengal: 2:11.1 (31.1).
King of Hearts: 2:12.2 (31.2).

More also is becoming known of the subscription griffins and there is little to add to earlier notes on this class.

In the times selected above (with the return over the finishing quarter of a mile) it should be born in mind that these were not on the same day and that some were on the outside course which is "faster" than the training track.

Bar This in Mind.
It is hard to draw deductions as the official racing weights may not have been carried in each instance; nor is it known whether the ponies were sent "all out."

Still, these figures make interesting study.
Anyone of at least three of Mr. Dunbar's string of griffins looks good enough to win the Derby, especially with Mr. A. N. Dallas (the Shanghai "crack") in the saddle.

Next to the Dunbar stable in the early betting came Mr. Dynasty's. But now the stock of Mr. Evg. of Messrs. Toeg and Priestley, and of Mr. Roda (in no particular order) have all risen. All the better, I say, as there will be more excitement up to the actual race.

In the list of times given below, gallops on the outside course are denoted with an asterisk (thus *):—

Tuesday.

Bengal (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1 mile: 32.1, 0.6, 1.40, 2.11.1 (last quarter 31.1).
Southampton (Mr. Stanton) 1 mile: 39.1, 1.17, 1.51.3, 2.23.3 (last gr. 32.2).
Esprit (Mr. Sokoloff) 1/2 mile: 34.1, 0.52 (last gr. 31.2).
Olo Custom (Mr. Seth) 1 mile: 34.1, 0.82, 1.42.4, 2.17.1 (last gr. 34.2).

Bright Eve (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1 mile: 34.1, 1.18, 1.51.2, 2.22.4 (last gr. 31.2).
Kwong Chow (Mr. Stanton) and Foxbro (Mr. Reidy) 1/2 mile: 37.1, 1.12, 1.48 (last gr. 36).
Misty Eve (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1 mile: 35.2, 1.12.1, 1.49.2, 2.21 (last gr. 31.3).

The Sandpiper (Mr. Stanton) 1/2 mile: 35.1, 0.8 (last gr. 33).
Battle Eve (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 1 mile: 32.3, 1.08, 1.43.2, 2.16 (last gr. 32.3).
Democrat (Mr. Haimovitch) 1 1/4 miles: 33.1, 0.6, 1.41.3, 2.16.3, 2.47 (last gr. 30.2).
Lady Love (Mr. Haimovitch) 1 1/4 miles: 33.1, 0.6, 1.42, 2.16.3, 2.48.2 (last gr. 31.4).
Lusitania (Mr. Haimovitch) 1 1/4 miles: 34.1, 0.9, 1.47.2, 2.20.3, 2.57 (last gr. 32.2).
Dobbin (Mr. Brodie) 1 1/4 miles: 40.2, 1.14, 1.51, 2.26.4, 2.57.1 (last gr. 31.2).
Grey Knight (Mr. Gordon) 1/2 mile: 37.1, 1.14, 1.45 (last gr. 33.1).
Grey Streak (Mr. Gordon) 1/2 mile: 36.1, 1.11, 1.44.2 (last gr. 33.2).
Skidoo (Mr. Brodie) and Scooter (boy) 1 mile: 37.2, 1.12.1, 1.49, 2.21.2 (last gr. 32.2).
Pottenbush (Mr. Pollock) 1/2 mile: 34.1, 1.10, 1.42 (last gr. 32).
Ukelele (Mr. Brodie) 1 1/4 miles:

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HOME SOCCER.

Scottish Cup Fourth Round.

LATEST MID-WEEK RESULTS.

London, Feb. 23.
To be played on March 5, the draw for the 4th round of the Scottish Football Association Cup is as follows:—

Falkirk v. Rangers.
Bo'ness v. Celtic.
Partick Thistle v. Dundee United or Montrose.
Arthurville v. East Fife.
To be played on the ground of the first-named.—Reuter.

[Celtic are the holders.]
LATEST RESULTS.
Scores of Nine Matches in Mid-Week.

London, Feb. 23.
Principal soccer matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.
Division I.
Leeds 0, Liverpool 0.
Division II.
Notts County 2, Middlesbrough 2.
Clapton Orient 1, Mill 2.
Division III (South).
Bristol City 5, Southend 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Division I.
Celtic 3, Partick 1.
Dunfermline 1, Rangers 3.
Hearts 5, Clyde 0.
Partick 5, Cowdenbeath 3.

SCOTTISH CUP.
Third Round.
Dundee United 2, Montrose 2.—Reuter.

37.1, 1.13.2, 1.49, 2.23.1, 2.55 (last gr. 31.4).
Smoke Call (Mr. Pollock) and Fire Call (Mr. Gordon) 1/2 mile: 39.1, 1.16.2, 1.51.4 (last gr. 35.2).
August (Mr. Brodie), Wower (boy) and Danno (boy) 1 1/2 miles: 46.3, 1.27, 2.02.3, 2.37.2, 3.13, 3.47 (last gr. 34).
Loch Tummel (Mr. Reidy) and Tangle (boy). 42.1, 1.18, 1.51.3, 2.27 (last gr. 35.2).
Humdinger (Mr. Brodie) 3/4 mile: 43.1, 1.20.2, 1.54.2 (last gr. 34).

The Grig (Mr. Ralph) and The Gaby (boy) 1/2 mile: 44.1, 1.19, 1.52.1 (last gr. 32.2).
Lochaber (boy) and Yorks (boy) 1/2 mile: 36.2, 1.11.3, 1.46.2 (last gr. 34.4).
The Gomeril (Mr. Ralph) 1 mile: 37.1, 1.16, 1.52, 2.23.3 (last gr. 31.3).
The Gnome (Mr. Ralph) 1 mile: 41.1, 1.20, 1.56.2, 2.29.2 (last gr. 33).
The Ghoul (Mr. Ralph) 1 mile: 39.1, 1.17.3, 1.52.3, 2.25 (last gr. 32.2).
Min River (Mr. Pollock) and Pearl River II (Mr. Gordon) 3/4 mile: 38.1, 1.14, 1.49 (last gr. 35).
Wednesday.

The Gobin (Mr. Ralph) 1 mile: 41.3, 1.18.2, 1.51.3, 2.22 (last gr. 30.2).
Saligia (Mr. Ralph) 1 mile: 41.1, 1.21, 1.56.2, 2.27.2 (last gr. 31).
District Call (Mr. Gordon) 3/4 mile: 37.1, 1.13, 1.45 (last gr. 32).
Brigade Call (Mr. Pollock) 1 mile: 35.2, 1.09.2, 1.42.3, 2.15 (last gr. 32.2).
Barley Grass (boy) 1 mile: 41.1, 1.17.3, 1.51.3, 2.23 (last gr. 31.2).
Total Abstinence (Mr. Reidy) 1 mile: 35.1, 1.08.3, 1.41.4, 2.15 (last gr. 33.4).
September (Mr. Brodie) 3/4 mile: 34.1, 1.05.3, 1.38 (last gr. 32.2).
Loch Rannoch (Mr. Reidy) 1 mile: 37.2, 1.13, 1.46, 2.20 (last gr. 34).
The Regent (boy) 3/4 mile: 35.2, 1.07.2, 1.40.2 (last gr. 33).
Rechabite (Mr. Reidy) 3/4 mile: 38.3, 1.16.3, 1.50 (last gr. 33.4).
Saucy Sue (Mr. Sokoloff) 1 mile: 45.1, 1.30, 2.09, 2.41.3 (last gr. 32.3).
Bay of Fundy (Mr. Dallas) 3/4 mile: 34.1, 0.72, 1.38.2 (last gr. 31).
Spotted Sand (Boy) 1 mile: 33.1, 1.10, 1.45.2, 2.19 (last gr. 33.3).
Attaboy (Mr. Encarnacao) 1 mile: 38.1, 1.15, 1.53, 2.26 (last gr. 33).
Canadian (Mr. Sokoloff) 1 mile: 33.3, 1.06.1, 1.38.4, 2.10 (last gr. 31.1).
Chesapeake Bay (Mr. Dallas) 1 1/4 miles: 36.1, 1.10, 1.46.1, 2.18.4, 2.49.3 (last gr. 30.4).
King of England (Mr. Haimovitch) 1 mile: 34.2, 1.11, 1.46.2, 2.17.3 (last gr. 32.1).
Elliot Bay (Mr. Dallas) 1 1/4 miles: 37.1, 1.12, 1.49, 2.20.3, 2.51 (last gr. 30.2).
Esprit (Mr. Sokoloff) 1 1/4 miles: 38.1, 1.13.1, 1.48, 2.22.1, 2.53 (last gr. 30.4).
Olo Custom (Mr. Seth) 1 mile: 35.1, 0.81, 1.43, 2.15.2 (last gr. 32.2).
King of Hearts (boy) 1 mile: 34.1, 0.9, 1.41, 2.12.2 (last gr. 41.2).
Stonehenge (boy) 3/4 mile: 35.1, 0.8, 1.41 (last gr. 33).

CRICKET.

HENDREN AS COACH FOR AUSTRALIA.

"WAITING TO HEAR."

Adeilade, Feb. 3.
The South Australian Cricket Association has appointed the Middlesex player, "Patsy" Hendren, as



E. Hendren, the Middlesex and England batsman who played in all last year's Tests.

coach for next season. The engagement will probably be for three years.
Interviewed in London, Hendren said he was waiting to hear from the South Australian authorities regarding an agreement. He had not yet definitely accepted the offer.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club against the R.E. and Signals in the league (division I) match on the Club ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—
A. W. Hayward (captain), H. Owen Hughes, A. C. I. Bowler, E. J. R. Mitchell, G. R. Vallack, G. F. Gardner, J. R. Hinton, Capt. A. N. Evers, F. Wooding, C. D. Wales, F. T. Orr.

R.H.K.G.C. LADIES' GOLF.

The Ladies Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club arranged a tombstone competition for Tuesday. The first prize (Subscribers' Cup) was won by Mrs. Sherry on the way to the 19th hole and the second by Mrs. Sankey on the way to the 18th. Two other prizes, kindly presented by Mr. Trevelyan, were won by Mrs. Redmond and Mrs. Syme-Thomson.

SQUASH RACQUETS.

Detroit, Feb. 23.
In the final squash racquets team trophy Harvard beat Buffalo. The former thus won the trophy for the third year in succession and now become permanent holders.—Reuter's American Service.

AT THE STAR.

"THE FRESHMAN" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

Lét us hugh! Harold Lloyd in "The Freshman" will be at the Star Theatre from to-day to Saturday, making himself the only entertainer of the foot and the heroic simplicitas of the late University.

His adventures as a trier for a place in the college football side, when he gets torn up and generally crippled, are uproariously funny.

He becomes the butt of the "gang," but he continues to endeavor to be a good fellow, succeeding in making himself nothing but a laughing stock.

At a dance in his honour, which he himself pays for, his suit becomes unstuck with extremely diverting results. But his great chance comes one day on the football field, where he has been acting as water boy, and he scores the winning try for his side, to become the laurel wearer of the year and incidentally the accepted of the only girl who has believed and stuck to him through months of obloquy.

The beautiful Jobyna Ralston plays opposite to Lloyd, while others in the cast are Brooks Benedict, James Anderson, Hazel Keener, Joe Harrington and Pat Hemon.

This picture is Lloyd at his best and should not be missed on any account. It is as much a history maker as was "Safety Last."

NAUGHTY GIRLS.

MORE POPULAR THAN MODEL TYPE.

A group of professional women—members of the Sororist Club—met at the Criterion Restaurant, London, recently, and debated officially on the topic of "Defects in our Education." Unofficially they debated on "Which are better, Model girls or Naughty girls?"

Said Miss Gordon Holmes, "I always go for the good girls, and they are not taken much notice of these days."

"It is the naughty, difficult girls, with whom you can do nothing, who seem to get all the attention. Even the teachers seem to prefer them, but I frankly confess I don't. I prefer the model girls, because it is the model girl who does best in after life."

Other speakers did not agree. Miss Wallace observed: "The naughty, difficult girl is the one who in later life will make good. The naughty girl shows plenty of spirit and grit."

YOU PROVE IT!

DEFENDANT WHO ADMITTED LOAN.

BUT WANTED COURT CASE.

The attitude taken up by a Chinese waiter that he would not pay an admitted debt until the man who made the loan went to court and proved it led to a summary Court case this morning.

The plaintiff was a cook-boy in the employ of Prof. Henkey, of Mt. Davis Road and the defendant a waiter employed at the Alexandra Cafe.

The debt having been proved and the defendant signified his consent for payment, the question arose as to instalments.

The debt was for nearly \$250 and the defendant said his wage was \$14 a month.

A Waiter's tips.

Questioned as to tips, defendant said "That depends on the generosity of customers but it doesn't work out to more than \$2 a month as a rule."

Defendant admitted being interested in a compradore company to the extent of \$40 and that in interest from this he received \$9 or \$10 a year.

Mr. Hall (for plaintiff): Good profits.

His Honour (Mr. J. H. B. Nihill): Very good.

Mr. Hall for plaintiff wanted \$10 or \$12 a month to be paid towards the judgment but defendant suggested \$1 or \$2.

Judgment was given for the amount claimed with a stay of execution pending a settlement between the parties as to terms of payment.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

"WAGES OF VIRTUE" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

Algiers, the French Foreign Legion and a colourful love story makes "Wages of Virtue" Gloria Swanson's picture and an Allan Dwan production.

The story is an adaptation of Percival Wren's novel, with Ben Lyon in the leading man's role opposite the star and Norman Trevor, Ivan Linow, Joe Moore and others in the cast.

Those who remember Gloria of "Manhandled" and the Gloria of "Het Love story" will find here a role that combines the finer moments of both earlier characterisations. As Carmelita, the star of the Arthur Stringer story and the motherly Gloria of Mrs. Rinehart's romance.

Here is the role of a young Neapolitan girl of the slums who becomes the pride of the Foreign Legion, a little mother to "men without a country." Ben Lyon is a recruit in the Legion, a young American with whom Carmelita falls in love.

Trevor plays John Boule, veteran of the internationally famous French regiment and Joe Moore has the role of a New York gangster also in the ranks of the Legion. Linow has a "heavy" role as Luigi, ex-strong man for a side-show and now the regimental bully. It is about these characters that the story revolves.

Forrest Halsey wrote the screen play. Armand Cortez, Adrienne D'Ambricourt and Paul Panzer are included in important supporting roles.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE MIDSHPMAN" TO-DAY TO SATURDAY.

Here is a picture everybody should see. Every newspaper in the United States ran front-page stories about it, when Ramon Novarro was at Annapolis, where it was filmed under the immediate supervision of the U.S. Naval Department within the naval academy itself.

The story is one which carries a real thrill for all—men, women and children alike. It deals with the adventures of a midshipman, from the time of his entrance into the academy up to his graduation, showing the dress parades, training, freshman initiations, games, sports, the big functions staged and numerous other phases of life in Uncle Sam's marine school.

The cast has quality and drawing power. Ramon Novarro, title character in "Ben Hur," makes his bow as a full-fledged star with it. The supporting cast includes such favourites as Harriet Hammond, Wesley Barry, Harold Goodwin, Crawford Kent, Kathleen Key, William Boyd, Margaret Seddon, Pauline Neff and Maurice Ryan. Some of them have been starred in pictures; all but two have been featured on the screen. And Christy Cabanne, the director, has an enviable reputation as a producer of screen specials.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Senator Borah to-day moved a resolution authorising the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate to visit Mexico and Central America during the Congressional recess in order to obtain first-hand information of prevailing conditions. The motion was referred back to the Foreign Relations Committee.—Reuter's American Service.

STRIKE FAILING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

nationalist banner near the borders of Yunnan, with a strength of about 5,000 bayonets.

It is also apparent that there have been political developments, the result of which may mean a departure from the old policy of neutrality coupled with a tendency towards an understanding with Canton.

There is also a possibility that General Tang Chi-yao may hand over control to two of his senior generals.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Recapture of Turncoat Cruisers.

Shanghai, Feb. 23.
Sun Chuan-fang's local authorities have "captured" the cruisers responsible for yesterday's firing after the escape of the crews of both vessels. In this connection it is now learned that at least one shell, a dud, fell in the International Settlement landing in a private garden. Undoubtedly the objective of the ships' guns was the arsenal only.

Possibly as a result of the protests of prominent Chinese public bodies the executions in the Chinese city yesterday and to-day are not on such a large scale publicly, but it is reported that many are taking place privately at the military quarters.—Reuter.

Mill Workers Return.

Shanghai, Feb. 23.

The number of strikers is appreciably diminishing. Thirty thousand mill-workers returned to-day, while the trams in the French Concession partially resumed.

Last night a small class mob formed and a Chinese Police Force policeman was seriously injured and two of the mob arrested. Otherwise things are quiet.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN COMMENT.

Britain and the Changed Conditions.

Sydney, Feb. 23.
The newspapers are evincing considerable interest in China. The "Morning Herald" says that north and south are both imbued with nationalism which is now a real force in China. The foreign Powers must realise that they cannot longer refuse concessions to China. Britain hitherto is the only one who has made concessions. Paradoxically enough she is the chief target of the South-erners' abuse.

The "Melbourne Argus" says that Britain has shown wisdom in dealing with the Chinese problem. With the conclusion of the Hankow agreement she has taken the first step towards the fulfilment of a courageous and discerning policy to meet changed conditions in China. Therein lies the only hope of an enduring tranquillity.—Reuter.

FRENCH ATTITUDE.

Strict Neutrality With Provision.

Paris, Feb. 23.
M. Briand in a statement before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee said that France would maintain strict neutrality as between the warring factions in China unless persons and property in France's charge were threatened.

The anxieties of the Senate Committee are reflected in the newspapers which for the first time show an interest in China, partly due to the interview yesterday between M. Briand and the British ambassador during which the threat to Shanghai was supposedly discussed.

The papers urge solidarity among the Powers as a vital necessity.

"Le Matin," referring to yesterday's bombardment, says that the police measures whereby the French Concession was barred not merely against stragglers and deserters from Sun's army but against the victorious Southerners, are entirely compatible with the policy of neutrality, in the application of which we can co-operate with Great Britain as M. Briand must have assured the British ambassador.—Reuter.

PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY.

Paris, Feb. 23.

Before the Senatorial Committee on Foreign Affairs, M. Briand stated that France would continue to observe a policy of neutrality towards the various Chinese parties and would deviate from this attitude only if an attack were threatened against her citizens' properties.

M. Briand conferred with the British ambassador on the same subject.

"Le Matin" says that although the situation is not alarming, precautions must be taken, therefore the strictest instructions had been given in order that access to our concessions should be absolutely forbidden to Cantonese as well as to anti-Cantonese, and Chinese ships should be permitted to anchor only at a due distance off the Concessions.

Such measures were thoroughly consistent with the policy of neutrality.

"Le Matin" concludes saying that we can co-operate with any defensive organisation but on condition that they treat all perturbations of the peace quite uniformly.—Havas.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG FEBRUARY 24, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	2 3/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 7/8	78 3/4	78 1/2
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1100 b	109 1/2 b	1100 n
do. London	1120 n	110 n	1122 n
Chartered Bank	221 n	221 n.	221 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	231 n	232 n.	231 n.
do. C.	213 1/2 n	213 1/2 n.	213 1/2 n.
P. & O. Bank	29 1/4 b	210 n.	210 n.
Bank of East Asia	74 x d s	70 n.	70 n.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	660 b	650 b 660 s	650 b
China Underwriters	90 n.	85 cts s	90 cts. s.
North China Insurance	1145 n	140 n.	140 n.
Union Insurance	285 u	284 b.	285 b.
Yangtze Insurance	\$38 M. n.	40 n.	40 n.
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b.	615 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	31 1/2 b	30 b.	31 1/2 b.
Hongkong Steamboats	23 s	21 s.	21 s.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1 10 n	2 1/4 n.	1 1/4 s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref)	30 s	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.)	40 A b	40 n.	40 n.
Shell Transports	98 1/2 b	99 1/2 b.	100 1/2 b.
Star Ferries	55 1/2 b	56 b.	55 1/2 b.
Water-boats	14 b	14 b.	14 n.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	22 s	21 s.	21 s.
Malabon Sugars	34 n	33 s.	36 n.
Mining.			
Benguets	1 30 n	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n	42 1/2 n.	40 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	\$24 1/4 n	25 n.	21 s.
do. (Single)	12 1/2 n	12 n.	12 n.
Shanghai Exploration	1 1/4 n	5 n.	5 n.
Shanghai Loan	1 1/4 n	8 n.	8 n.
Raubs	4 s	3.40 n.	3 1/4 n.
Tromch Mines	21/- b	21/- b.	—
Ural Caspian	8/- n	—	—
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H.K. & K. Wharves	11 1/2 s	112 s.	112 1/2 n.
H.K. & W. Docks	40 n.	37 b 39 s.	40 s.
Hongkew	115 n	—	150 n.
New Engineerings	15 b	5 b.	5 n.
Shanghai Docks	1102 n	101 b.	102 n.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	8 n	8 b.	8 n.
Hongkong Lands	56 sa.	55 1/2 n.	55 1/2 n.
Hongkong Realty	5 1/4 b	6 s.	6 s.
H.K. Territorial	14 s	2 s.	2 1/2 s.
Humphreys Estates	12 1/2 b	13 n.	13 n.
Prince's Building	80 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 s	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T 8 1/2 s	8 1/2 b.	8 3/4 n.
Oriental	T 3 1/4 n	2 1/2 b.	3 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T 5 3/4 n	53 b.	54 n.
do. (new)	T 27 n	27 b.	28 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice.			
Cements (comb.)	5 n.	4 s.	5 n.
do. (old)	7 1/2 s.	7 1/2 n.	6 s.
do. (new)	6 s.	7 1/2 n.	6 s.
China Buses	134 n.	1 n.	1 s.
China Lights (comb.)	9 1/2 n.	—	—
do. (old)	14 1/2 n	14 1/4 b.	14.60 n.
do. (new)	11 n	10 1/2 b.	10 1/2 n.
China Prov.	7 1/4 b	8 b.	8 n.
Dairy Farms	4 1/2 s 4.85 s	5 s.	4.80 s.
Der A. Wing	176 b	18 b.	18 s.
Hongkong Amusements	16 n	5 s.	5 s.
H.K. Constructions	18 1/4 b 18 1/2 sa	18 1/4 b.	18 1/4 b.
Hongkong Electricity	2.30 b	2.20 b.	2 1/4 b.
H.K. Ropes (old)	58 1/2 s	58 b.	58 s.
do. (new)	10 s	6 b.	9 1/2 s.
Hongkong Tramways	5 s.	1 s.	5 s.
Lane, Crawford's	22 n	22 n.	22 s.
Macao Electricity	8 n	7 s.	7 s.
Mackintosh	35 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	19 1/2 n.	9.60 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b.	15 b.	15 b.
do. (new)	8 1/2 b.	8 n.	8 s.
Sinceres	9 1/2 s.	9.10 b.	9 n.
Singapore Trams	13 1/2 s.	9 1/2 b.	10 1/2 s.
Taxis	1 s	70 c.	65 Cts s.
United Asbestos	—	—	—
(Founders) (Ordinary)		600 n.	—
do.	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	13 b	12 1/2 b.	13 b & sa
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"THE VANISHED EMPIRE."

"My name is Ozymandias, king
of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty,
and despair!"

Nothing beside remains."⁽¹⁾

From the pages of history we
have the accounts of the rise,
zenith, and decay of many kingdoms
and empires. The exact cause of
the decay of the great empires of
the past—Minoan, Babylonian,
Roman—has always been a difficult
problem for the historian. Nearly
a score of causes have been sug-
gested for the ultimate decay of the
Roman Empire. Possibly, no one
cause by itself is sufficient to ac-
count for the curious dry-rot which
seemed to eat into the very vitals
of that Empire.

Now we have in process of enact-
ment before our eyes the death
agonies of another Empire. China,
like a great lumbering dinosaur, a
survivor from some Mesozoic era,
has somehow failed utterly to ad-
just itself to twentieth century
civilization. She has simply col-
lapsed.

Mr. Putnam Weale's brilliant
study, *The Vanished Empire*, is
divided, like Gaul of old, into three
parts:—

(a) The Dominion of the Earth
—in which the growth of this Em-
pire is traced.

(b) The Nemesis of the Sea—
in which the weak point in the
armoury of this Empire is dis-
closed. And,

(c) The Battle that has no End,
—in which the miserable inter-
cine struggle which has brought
her doom is depicted. Mr. Putnam
Weale always writes in a fascinat-
ing manner. He has a wonder-
fully broad and accurate knowledge
of affairs in the Far East, acquired
at first hand and facilitated through
his linguistic gifts. The present
volume is a worthy successor to its
predecessors which have added so
much to our knowledge of the
tangled conditions in the Far East.

As we read Mr. Putnam Weale on
The Nemesis of the Sea we cannot
help feeling that he is probably
right and that if things have been
handled slightly differently in
days gone by China might have
brighter and better tale to tell
to-day. Yet a doubt seems ever to
suggest itself whether China really
ever had in her the basis of a
Great World Power. Other great
nations had some all-embracing
fund of knowledge—Babylonian,
Astronomy, Greece, ethics, Rome,
law—to hand on to the world.
But China had nothing. Consider
the great fountains of knowledge
from which guidance and advance-
ment come. Her religion is bor-
rowed. She really never had a re-
ligion of her own. Taoism being at
best a debased amalgam of divina-
tion and magic.

Her ethic was more of a manual
of etiquette and ceremony than a
foundation of ethical theory. Its
utter collapse in practice is shown
by the curious moral obliquity
which seems to characterize all
'Young China'—a total lack of
respect for the sanctity of treaties,
of loans, or of human life. Old
Chinese gentlemen sometimes say
that China's former ethical dignity
might be regained by a return to
Confucius and the Classics. But
this is an impossible position.
Young China has outgrown Con-
fucius; and the very fact that young
China has discarded him is a tacit
admission that the Confucian ethic
was not destined to be a world
force.

Science and scientific method in
its more technical aspect has al-
ways been a closed book to the
Chinese. Any discoveries they
may have even made have been lost
in the Sorbonian bog of magic and
superstition, and have thereby help-
ed to keep them bound in the

mephitic vapours of the dark ages.
Even the compass led them to
geomancy and fang shui instead of
to navigation and astronomy.

In the structure and science of
language the Chinese developed
along the worst lines. For, though
they had a written form of exten-
ded currency, the laboriousness of
the formation of ideographs knew
no limits. The spoken form was
bound to degenerate into useless
dialects. Even inside the borders
of their own Empire there was
never any probability of its becom-
ing a homogeneous, or universal
mode of communication.

The misfortune in the structure
of the language bore its evil fruit
in the most closely dependent
sciences. The syllogistic and logi-
cal processes, the gift of the crystal-
clear Greek language and thought,
seem to be almost absent from
Chinese literature and well-nigh
totally lacking in the Chinese mind.
One has only to read the speeches
by persons such as Dr. Sun Yat-sen
(and these are almost inspired in
the eyes of Young China), to realise
the hopelessness and fatuity of try-
ing to use the logical processes
where the very faculty for their
perception seems to be absent.

Closely dependent on this, too, is
the total lack of ability either to
appreciate or formulate a sound
monetary or legal system.

The Chinese money system (—a
very eulogistic periphrasis for what
really exists) has gone from chaos
to chaos, till now, like an inveterate
gambler who is down and out, the
Chinese find it easier to associate
with, and ally themselves to the
offshoots of Soviet Russia and
other "beast-chombers" among the
nations rather than face the legiti-
mate arbitrament of international
equity.

Her law, where not purely arbi-
trary, has in the remnants of
dilapidated custom which seems to
defy codification. Indeed, China
seems to resemble nothing so much
as one of those great encased mon-
sters such as Glyptotherium, which
specialised in armour plates, but
failed hopelessly notwithstanding.

By an armature of remoteness,
ponderosity and inhospitability China
kept her position of aloofness in
the world till the *'Nemesis of the Sea'*
arrived. Then her armour-
plating of Celestial exclusiveness
proved her undoing instead of her
protection.

Mr. Putnam Weale seems to think
that her early acceptance of
Buddhism and more especially the
Tartar devotion to Lamaism were
factors which aided her Imperial
growth ("through their alliance
with the Lama Church they claim-
ed Tibet as within their territory,"
p.82). But this very increase in
Imperial dominion may have had in
it the seed of her ruin. Sir Leslie
Stephen somewhere says that un-
profitable opinions decay by ally-
ing themselves with effete and decrepit
institutions. And in a somewhat
similar way nations may decay and
die by embracing decrepit religious
beliefs and institutions. Rome fell
to the mysteries of the bona dea;
northern China took to Lamaism.

What is the consequence to-day?
Lamaism, the religion of Mongolia,
"which was introduced from Tibet,
is largely responsible for the pre-
scent decadence of the Mongol race."
The first-born son of every family
must enter the priesthood, and
"sometimes all the boys become
Lamas. In the temples, where
they live, they spend their time
"in chanting Tibetan prayers, which
they do not understand. They are
"human parasites, mentally and
"morally degraded, who exist by
"preying upon the superstitions of
"the lay population." (On the
Trial of Ancient Man by R.C. An-
drews p.91). Be it cause or effect,
it seems scarcely possible that a
virile and self-reliant people, des-
tined to be a power in the world,
could accept an emasculate religion
such as Lamaism. Be this as it
may, national and social decay seem
most often to ally themselves with
superstition, fanaticism, and a
shady type of international honour.
China is not free from them. Dis-
trusting, dismembered, distracted,
she has sunk into a group of war-
ring factions, and disingenuous
warlords whose god is loot and in
whose wake follow dismemberment
and decay.

The only hope and endeavour for
the surviving nations seems to be
that she receive a hygienic but in-
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"CHINA JOURNAL."

The current issue of the "China
Journal" measures up generously
to the standard set by preceding
numbers of this very attractive
publication. The opening article
in which the Editor comments on
the lack of knowledge of China and
things Chinese displayed by the
average foreigner in China as well
as the younger generation of Chi-
nese, is timely and to the point.
We quote the closing paragraph of
this editorial. "Let us, then, who
live here, Chinese and foreign
alike, make it our business to know
China, and, knowing China, let us
see to it that the rest of the world
is made to know her, too, for so will
the stupid antagonism between yel-
low and white and the ignorance
that breeds strife be dispelled."

The biographical sketch of Dr.
Herbert Chatley, one of Shanghai's
leading citizens, and a scientist of
note, is of considerable interest,
especially as his activities along
numerous lines are so marked a
feature of Shanghai's intellectual
life.

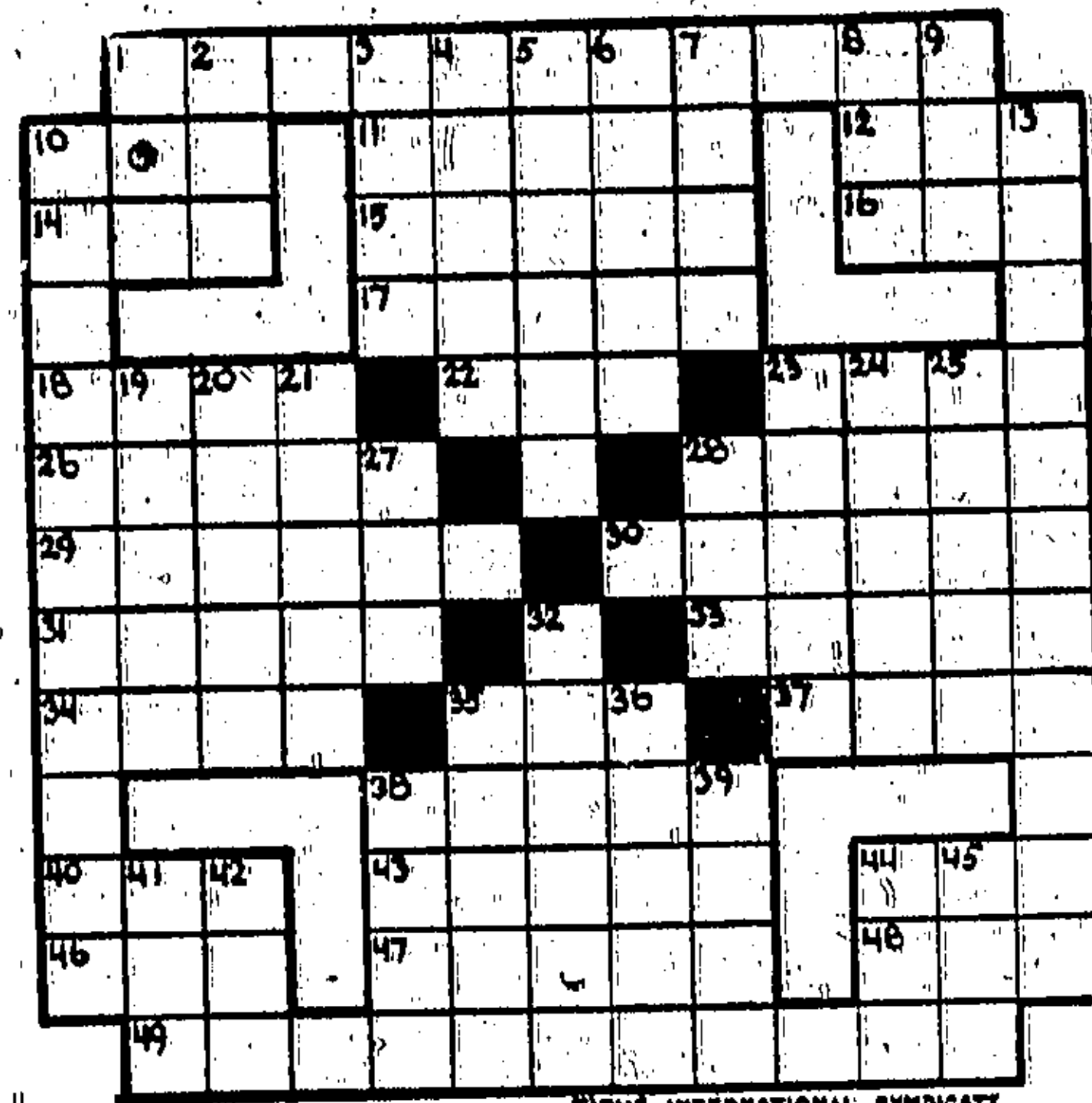
"The Sacrifice of Yang Chiao-
ai," a story translated from the
Chinese by El B. Howell, which be-
gins in this issue, is very entertain-
ing and enlightening as to the
Chinese point of view on what
loyalty to a friend may demand.
Mr. Chang Hao-ch'un, of Soochow
University, has contributed a
scholarly paper entitled "The Philo-
sophy of Chuang-tze" interpreting
the thought system of one of China's
greatest philosophers, whilst two
poems of unusual merit appearing
in this issue, one by Robert Merrill
Bartlett and another by Alan W.
Simms Lee, will attract favourable
comment.

Art lovers will be interested in
the critique of Mr. Victor Podgour-
sky's work as recently shown in an
exhibit by this gift artist. The
science section contains "Some Bird
Sanctuaries in China" by George D.
Wilder, "Bird Migration Notes" by
Rufus H. Lefever, "The Amur Wild
Grape" by E. G. Whittick, and "Fur-
ther Notes on the Aborigines of
Fukien" by C. R. Kellogg and
Chang Ting-ti, which discusses the
origin of the San Tak of Fukien
Province and gives interesting
sidelights on their customs and
superstitions.

The Scientific Notes and Reviews
and the Shooting and Fishing Notes
are two very valuable departments
which, as usual, contain numerous
informative items and illustrations
of wide appeal.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Investors | 35-A book of the Bible | 3-A member of |
| 10-Perseive | 36-Abbey | 4-Congress (abbr.) |
| 11-Old womanish | 37-Half | 5-Snowshoe |
| 12-Piece out | 38-Fear | 10-Chief commodities |
| 14-Kitchen utensil | 39-Flow out | 13-Amused |
| 15-Covered with tiles | 40-Tropical vine | 18-Choler |
| 16-Fastener | 41-Corroded | 20-Fish-bottomed boat |
| 17-Agitates | 42-Tea nut | 21-A mean fellow |
| 18-Public conveyance | 43-Defensive covering | 22-French city |
| 20-Complete outfit | 44-Accomplished | 23-Active |
| 22-Shave | 45-Mak' inform | 24-Domain |
| 23-Silly | | 27-Long fish |
| 24-Bear containing few | VERTICAL | 28-A word (Gipey) |
| 25-In accord | 1-Ocean | 29-B. American country |
| 26-Lasso | 2-Sky | 30-Scottish landlady |
| 27-Elegant country | 3-Feline | 31-Lesser |
| 28-house | 4-Grope | 32-Schema |
| | 5-A flower (pl.) | 33-Small advertisement |
| | 6-Watchful | 34-Public conveyance |
| | 7-Spreads loosely for | 35-Wager |
| | drying | 36-Cutting tool |
| | 8-Migrate (S. Afr.) | 37-Blind |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words which you feel reasonably sure
These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn
to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the
numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

The "Hunting Tours" of "Nim-
rod" are very familiar, but another
book by him which appeared the
year he died is almost unknown. It
consisted of hunting reminiscences
which, hitherto, have not been re-
printed, and so are almost in the
nature of a "find." Now the re-
miniscences are about to be reissued
by the Bodley Head, with an intro-
duction by Mr. Shaw Sparrow. They
contain much fresh light on Squire
Osbaldeston, Assheton Smith, and
other well-known hunting men of
"Nimrod's" day. The book has
been fully illustrated from old
sporting pictures and prints, and
there are some interesting maps.

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The Rev. A. L. Fleming, says a Toronto message, has been appointed Archdeacon of the Arctic, a new Anglican appointment in connection with work among the Eskimos in the Far North.

Mr. Harold Arrowsmith Brown, Indian Civil Service, has been appointed one of the Judges of the High Court of Judicature at Rangoon, vice Mr. Edward Dyce Duckworth, Indian Civil Service, retired.

An Oslo message reports that the Institute for Comparative Research into Human Culture is planning an expedition to the Kola Peninsula. The enterprise is being organized by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen.

Describing the reception of Sir Harcourt Butler by chiefs at Kachin (Burma), the correspondent of the "Pioneer" declares that the chiefs show every sign of accepting peacefully the inevitable liberation of the slaves.

When Walter Evans, a one-legged pedlar of Bath, was taken to hospital, having fractured his leg, his crutches were placed in the porter's office. Evans's dog traced him to the hospital and kept guard over the crutches, refusing to allow anyone to touch them.

A message from Warsaw says:—Lynch law was carried out in the neighbourhood of this city on two horse thieves who were caught red-handed. The thieves were thrown into a huge fire and burnt to death. The police have arrested 28 suspected persons.

The total number of arrests for drunkenness in Manchester during 1926 was 4,185, as against 5,055 in the previous year.

The death is announced of Sir John Ross, of Dunedin, New Zealand. He was born at Halkirk, Caithness, in 1834, and arrived in New Zealand in 1861.

A double wedding of gipsies dwelling in tents in the New Forest, Hampshire, took place in Colbury Parish Church when two sisters were married to two brothers.

There was a slight improvement in the condition of Mr. Ambrose McEvoy, the artist, who is seriously ill with pneumonia and complications in a London nursing home.

William Edward Dix, 53, a labourer, who broke a window at Northampton Labour Exchange for the twelfth time, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

News has reached Geneva that the Swiss airman, Mittelholzer, and the Swiss expedition to Central Africa has arrived at Jinja, on the Victoria Nyanza, where the "Switzerland" seaplane alighted.

The young German who masqueraded as the eldest son of the former Crown Prince and under other titles and is alleged to have swindled monarchists on a large scale in many parts of Germany has been arrested on the railway station at Buskichen, a Rhineland town in French occupied territory about 23 miles to the west of Bonn.

The Spanish Cabinet has authorized the construction by private enterprise of a direct track between Madrid and Valencia, about 170 miles long, exclusively reserved for motor-cars. The undertaking will not be subsidized, but the concessionaires will be empowered to levy a toll, approved by the Government, on car using the track.

A Vienna correspondent reports that the Ducal Palace of the Saxe-Gotha family, was broken into by way of the sewers and a large amount of cash and a number of securities, and family jewels stolen. The burglars had to saw through a double iron gate, to burst a number of intricate locks, and to file through a ponderous safe.

The South African Government will introduce a Bill this Session to control alluvial output in order to stabilize the diamond trade.

Joe Daniels, known to many generations of Rugbyans as the "Midnight Milkman," as he supplied milk to the school for many years, had died at Rugby, aged 81.

A movement has been started in Portugal by the Press and by representatives of the Army to open a national subscription to pay the war debt to Great Britain.

At South Shields a man, after a quarrel with his wife, either fell or jumped head first from a window, and was impaled on the railings below. He died soon afterwards in the infirmary.

A Jerusalem correspondent says that the drought in Southern Palestine is so severe that at Hebron water-tickets are being issued to the inhabitants and the local hospital may have to close.

The Touring Club de France gave a banquet to celebrate the election of its 200,000th member. The President of the "Republic" presided, and several members of the Government were present. Founded in 1890, the Touring Club de France has added 100,000 members since July, 1906.

A League correspondent at Geneva says that the Committee of Experts on Double Taxation and Tax Evasion has set up sub-committees to consider—(1) The question of a convention on death duties, and (2) to examine the feasibility of a permanent international organisation on taxation question.

Mr. Garlick, a well-known racing motorist, met his death at the Maroula Speed Way, Sydney, in the presence of about 15,000 spectators. He was travelling at a rate of over 90 miles per hour when one of his tyres burst and the car crashed into an electric-light pole. Mr. Garlick was killed on the spot.

One of the prizes in a Christmas lottery held at Funchal (Madeira) was a bracelet belonging to the Empress Zita. It was won by a Madeira resident, who gave two escudos (16 cents) for his ticket. The bracelet will be handed over to him accompanied by a paper bearing the Empress's signature.

ODDS AND ENDS.

A FORBIDDEN WORD.

The French Academy has interdicted the word "match" as applied to athletics. Such engagement may be described as contests, tournaments, jousts, challenges, conflicts, but the Academy, as the custodian of the French language, forbids such events to be known as "matches." Yet as matches they are known by everybody in France, and there are competent authorities who stoutly defend the word. Thus M. Jacques May writes: "We have no equivalent for 'match.' Besides it is useless to discuss it. The people are our sovereign masters in sporting terminology. The people say 'match' and we shall say 'match'."

AMERICAN TOURISTS.

Record numbers of American tourists are expected to arrive in Great Britain in the spring. Special liners have been chartered and all sorts of preparations are being made to welcome the armies of Trans-atlantic visitors. It is just as well that the good news should be learnt thus far in advance, for a new form of joke will have to be thought out. It would be asking for trouble to give to an American about his boot-legged whisky when he has found out that a paternal Government of a free Britain forbids him to buy chewing-gum after a certain hour in the evening. The laugh would be—and doubtless will be on—Britain.

PEERS WITHOUT HEIRS.

More than 800 peerages of the United Kingdom are without an heir or have only an heir presumptive. This astonishing fact is quoted by "Debrett," which gives details of some 780 peerages. Among baronets the proportion is higher. No doubt, as "Debrett" says, many sons of titled families were killed in the war. With its 4,000 odd closely printed pages, "Debrett" for 1927 maintains its pre-eminent position as an indispensable reference to the nobility and titled people of the British Empire.

HELPING THE DIVER.

Helium, the rare, non-flammable gas so essential in the safe operation of dirigible airships, has also found important uses in undersea exploration. As the result of experimental work by the Navy Department, the United States Public Health Service, and the Bureau of Mines of the Commerce Department, the use of the gas in synthetic helium-oxygen atmospheres for decompression of divers or other performing labour under increased atmospheric pressure, by preventing caisson disease, promises to extend greatly the time and depth of underwater operation by divers and thus to enlarge the whole range of submarine engineering. The employment of such artificial atmospheres is given much credit for the salvaging of the hull of the "United States" submarine S-51, accidentally sunk near Newport, R.I., by the coastwise steamer "City of Rome."

LOOKING 80 AT 45.

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THE STORY OF A "SCOOP."

Mr. Edgar Wallace, the prominent journalist, who was a war correspondent during the South African War, in his book of reminiscences, "People," which has just been published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, describes how he was able to send home the first news of the signing of peace. The Press censorship was very strict, but Wallace was able to make a code arrangement with a soldier inside the camp. A red handkerchief was the signal for "nothing doing," a blue one "making progress," and a white handkerchief was to signify that the peace treaty had been signed. Wallace journeyed down to the Vial River by train every morning, and took the next train back, keeping "his eye on the camp for the signal." "I don't know how many journeys I made on that infernal railway," he says, "but one morning, when rumour was rife that negotiations had fallen through, I saw my friend standing at the end of the tent lines, and he was displaying a white handkerchief conspicuously. I did not wait to get back to Pretoria. Instead, I sent a wire from Germiston: 'Contract signed.'"

PISTOLS FOR TWO.

A duel with pistols was fought recently on an island in the Seine between M. Michel Georges-Michel, the writer, and M. Maxime Baze, a journalist, over a difference which has been kept private. It is stated that M. Georges-Michel fired an instant in advance of the signal and narrowly escaped shooting himself in the foot. One of his seconds, M. Baze was Mr. André Garner, the Paris correspondent of a London news agency. The combat was directed by M. André Babel. The pistols were exchanged with out result, and the adversaries left the field without being remanded.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	
Japan & Shanghai	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25	Hakusan Maru.
Straits		Gambhira.
Europe via Nagapatam (papers only, London 27th Jan.)	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26	Kanagawa Maru.
Europe via Nagapatam (letters only, London 27th Jan.)		Albert Voegler.
Manila	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27	Pres. Jefferson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28	President Wilson.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai		Pres. Lincoln.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
Samshui and Wuchow	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24	Kochow.
Wei Hai Wei		Kuichow.
Manila		Pelous.
Batavia	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25	Tjikavang.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow		Hai Hong.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America & Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 22nd March. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (28th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Protesilaus.
Manila & parcels for Germany via Howlung	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26	Ruhr.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 27th March. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.		Hakusan Maru.
Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)		Tacoma Maru.
Straits		Ginyo Maru.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27	Pong Tong.
Swatow & Bangkok		Hozan Maru.
Manila		Kwangchow.
		Empress of Asia.
Straits	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28	Chakrang.
Manila		Pres. Wilson.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 24th March & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only). Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (1st) 5 p.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.		President Jefferson.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

"SUNNING" RETURNS.

Two Members of Crew Stricken.

MALADY DUE TO FEAR?

The arrival in the Colony of the ss. "Sunning" after the vessel's first trip to Shanghai since being refitted after the fire which followed the piracy on November 15 last has revealed the grim story that two members of the crew, both Chinese, were taken ill on the voyage to the North, both cases, it is understood, being due to fear.

One man has been certified as insane by the Port Health Officer at Shanghai, whilst the second man, who is stated to be suffering from an acute nervous breakdown, is not expected to live.

Both of these men were required by the Hong Kong Police to give evidence in the case against the two remaining men who, it is alleged, participated in the piracy of the "Sunning".

Further Evidence This Morning. At a short hearing of the adjourned case the Central Magistrate this morning, Mr. Lindsell took the evidence of two of the ship's "boys," both of whom identified the 2nd. defendant.

JURORS' LIST.

1927 NAMES & SPECIAL SERVICE.

APPROVAL TO-MORROW.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Jurors List for 1927 will be laid on the table.

Arranged alphabetically, the list this year comprises just over 44 pages or about 2,000 persons of whom a few are exempted (by reason of previous prolonged service), and also including the special jurors. Names of men exempted from jury service by reason of their profession are not included.

This list, together with exempted persons, will form the electorate for Sanitary Board elections.

This year's special jurors are as follows:

J. M. Alves, John Arnold, T. Arthur, R. Mein Austin;
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Allan Cameron, A. H. Compton, A. G. Coppin, A. S. D. Couland;
H. B. L. Dowbiggin, W. A. Dowley, R. M. Dyer;
O. I. Ellis, A. H. Ferguson, J. Fleming;
W. G. Goggin, C. F. G. Grimble, A. S. Gubbay;
F. C. Hall, H. R. B. Hancock, Ho Kom-jong, G. Hogg, J. Owen Hughes, Henry Humphreys, A. C. Hynes;
J. E. Joseph;
H. E. Lammert, Paul Lauder, Colborne Little, W. Logan;
F. R. Marsh, G. Miskin;
H. E. Parkinson, W. L. Patterson, T. E. Pearce, F. A. Perry, J. A. Plummer, Pui Tso-yi (Tsayee Poi);
J. M. da Rocha, R. Rogers, D. O. Russell;
J. Hennessey Seth, J. Oram Shepherd, A. P. B. Silva-Netto, R. Sutherland;
J. H. Taggart, D. Templeton, P. Tester;
N. L. Watson, T. G. Weall, N. C. Wilson, Wong Kam-tuk, Wong Kwong-tin;
G. M. Young.
[* denotes exempted.]

MR. J. H. TAGGART.

A QUIET WEDDING IN SHANGHAI.

RETURNS ON MONDAY.

On the occasion of his marriage yesterday in Shanghai, the congratulations and good wishes of his many friends in the Far East will be extended to Mr. J. H. Taggart, Chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd.

Mr. Taggart met his bride, who is a widow, in San Francisco. The marriage took place at the British Consulate General, Shanghai, and afterwards at St. Joseph's Church.

The bride was Mrs. Mary Turner (nee Bowen).
Mr. and Mrs. Taggart return to the Colony on Monday by the ss. "President Wilson".

PROPOSED TREATY.

Protecting Nicaragua's Interests.

LOOKING 400 YEARS AHEAD.

Managua, Feb. 23.

The proposed treaty with the United States enabled yesterday provides that the United States will protect Nicaraguan interests for a century, guaranteeing her sovereignty and independence.

The treaty empowers the United States to intervene to assure free elections and other purposes.

The United States is to develop the country during the next four hundred years.

The President of the United States is to appoint an American financial adviser with power to veto expenditure, and another as collector of all revenues both to serve only during the refunding and consolidation of Nicaraguan debts, including the proposed new loan of \$4,000,000 for railway construction, to be floated virtually under American guarantee.

A Nicaraguan constabulary under American marine officers is to replace the army.

The treaty provides that Nicaragua will not enter into a treaty with or lease or sell territory to any Power without the United States' consent.

Admiral Lauder, commanding the American ships in Nicaraguan waters, has forbidden faction fighting within a mile of points where bluejackets are posted.—Reuter's American Service.

TAINTED PORK.

ARREST OF A TRUCK PULLER.

Charged with possession of tainted pork, the carcasses of two pigs being found underneath some sacks on a truck he was pushing, a Chinese informed Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning that he was hired to carry the pork and did not know that it was unlawful to do so. Two other coolies who were pulling the truck saw the approach of the constable and ran away.

Mr. Lindsell: Where were you taking the carcasses?—I don't know. His Worship: Were you the licensee of the truck?—Yes. But a man named Ah Hoi was leading the way.

His Worship: Who is Ah Hoi?—He is employed at a butcher's shop. Mr. Lindsell observed that if the defendant's story were true, he could scarcely be held responsible.

Insp. P. Grant: He knew all about it; he knew Ah Hoi was a pork dealer and he went to the shop to fetch it.

Mr. Lindsell: Was it very tainted? Inspector Grant: Yes, very. In fact I should say it was dangerously tainted.

Mr. Lindsell: I will give you two days to help you find Ah Hoi. The Police will give you every opportunity for pointing him out. If you cannot do so, you must be held responsible.

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NOTICES.

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By order of the Committee
A. NISSIM,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb. 1927.

THE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION HONG KONG BRANCH.

A CAMP-FIRE SING-SONG

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ALL OLD SCOUTS, ESPECIALLY SERVICE MEN WILL BE WARMLY WELCOMED.
Hong Kong, 24th February, 1927

MASONIC SERVICE.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SCOTTISH FREEMASONRY IN HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA.

THE R. W. D. G. M. S. C. has received an invitation for members of Scottish Lodges wishing to attend the service in St. John's Cathedral, on SUNDAY, the 27th inst. at 6 p.m. To Assemble with the Brethren of the English Lodges, after robing at the CATHEDRAL HALL, NOT LATER THAN 5.50 p.m.
Hongkong, February 24th, 1927.

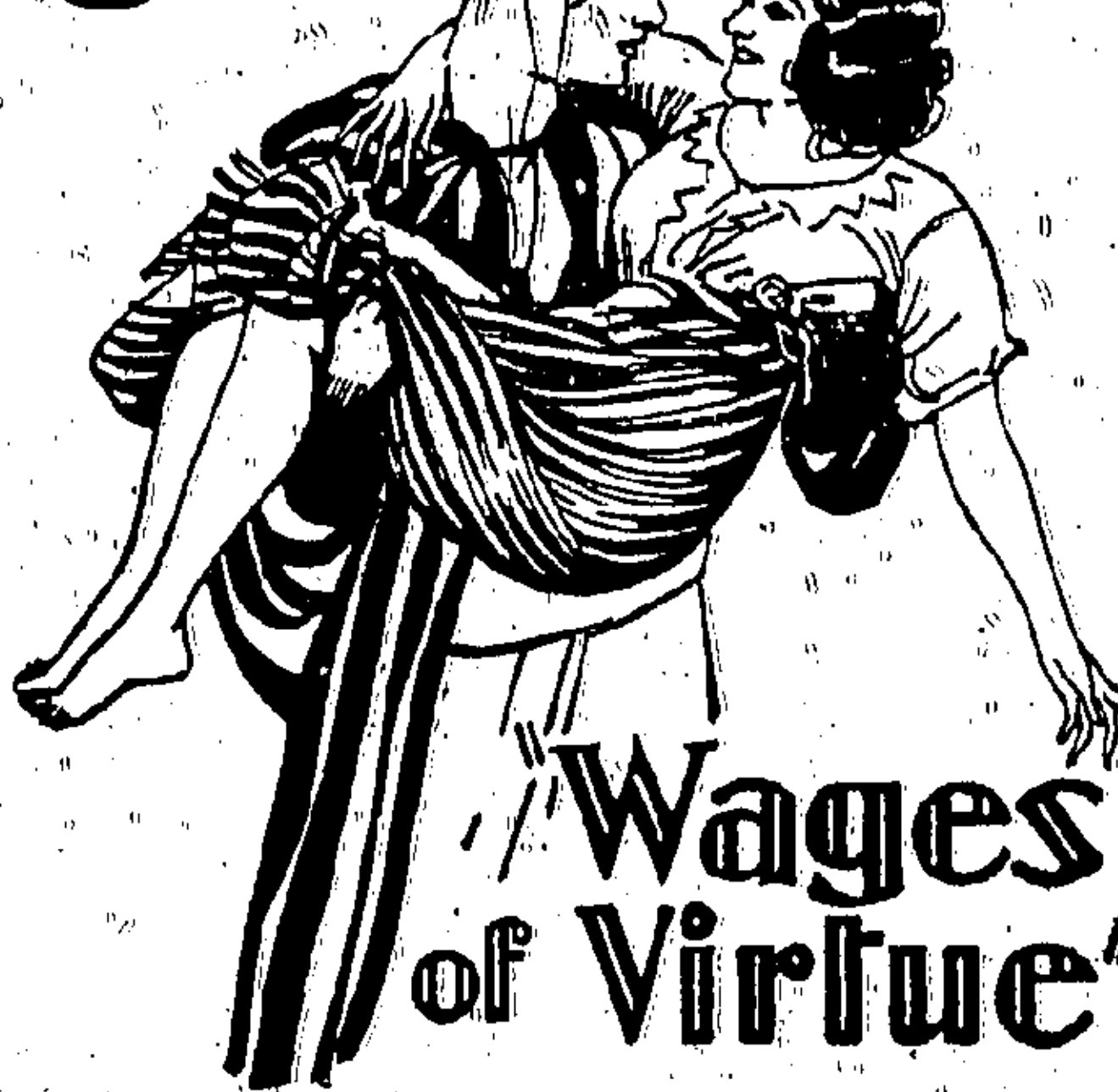
MASONIC SERVICE.

THE R. W. D. G. M. desires to remind all Masons in the District, that the Second Annual Masonic Service will be held in St. John's Cathedral on SUNDAY, the 27th inst. at 6 o'clock, and trusts that all will make an effort to attend.

All service Brethren are cordially invited to attend. The Cathedral Hall will be available for robing, and Brethren are requested to be ready to move in procession not later than 5.50 p.m. under the direction of D. G. Dir. of Ceremonies.
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Goelke, from Osaka.
Chin Hen Sheang, Yee Kam Woo, from Rotterdam.
Sun Cheong, from Kobe.
E. Y. JESSEN, Superintendent, Hong Kong Station, Feb. 17, 1927.

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E. A. LEGGATT, Superintendent, Hong Kong, 17th Feb., 1927.

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